

NEWSLETTER 15– 19th December 2014

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Church Service – On Wednesday we all walked to St Laurence Church, for our Christmas Carol service. The House Captains narrated the Christmas story, and we all sang a selection of traditional and modern carols. Year 2 children took part in the Nativity tableaux. Thank you to our helpers who escorted the children.

Christmas Lunch – Mrs Fisher and her team cooked and served almost 300 Christmas lunches to pupils and staff on Wednesday. They were ably assisted by the House Captains who served the younger children. The Christmas celebrations continued with activities in the afternoon.

Term Time Holidays – We would like to remind parents that we are not able to grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional. Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Please Note - all unauthorised Leave of Absence applications will be referred to the Attendance Compliance and Enforcement Service.

Reception Admissions for September 2015 - To secure a school place for children born between 1st Sept 2010 and 31st Aug 2011 you need to apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by 15th Jan 2015.

Staffing News – This week we welcomed Mrs Bond back from her maternity leave and we say farewell to Mrs Mears. Mrs Palmer has retired from her cleaning role after 12 years of dedicated service – she will continue to see the children at lunchtimes in her role as midday supervisor.

Clubs Update - There will be no clubs during the first week of the spring term.

Dates for your Diary from Rev Ruth -

- **Torchlight Nativity Saturday 20th December 3.30pm** – meet in St Joseph's Car Park from 3.00pm to begin the journey at 3.30pm. For more information contact Rev Ruth 772217.
- **Crib Service 4.00pm Christmas Eve** – at St Laurence Church.
- **Education Service Sunday 25th January 2015 10.30am-** at St Laurence's Church. Canon Linda Wainscot the Diocesan Director of Education will be joining us and I am looking forward to a church full of pupils, parents, governors, staff and friends of our schools.

Book of the Week – We always enjoy 'The Night before Christmas' by Clement Moore. This traditional poem from 1822 is a lovely story that captures the wonder and excitement of waiting for St Nicholas.

I would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteer helpers and our BSA for all their hard work and support this year. Merry Christmas to you all and I look forward to seeing you on TUES 6th January 2015.

Mr A Simms

The latest from the BSA...

It was fantastic to see so many parents and children at the Christmas Fayre last week. Thank you for your amazing donations – the cake table was heaving with beautiful festive treats!

Next we will work with the school to decide how best to spend the money raised. Watch this space!

More fun to come next year. All that's left now to say is...



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**



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