

NEWSLETTER 13 – 11th December 2015

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Umberslade Farm Visit – Last Friday the Reception children visited Umberslade Farm where they took part in their very own nativity with real farmyard animals bringing the Christmas story to life. They were able to see and interact with the animals and had a visit from a very special gentleman dressed in red! Thank you to all our volunteers for coming with us.

Christmas Activities -

- Carol Service – Our choir sang beautifully in St Laurence Church on Tuesday evening, thank you to Rev Ruth, and to all of the parents, children, staff and governors who joined us for this special service.
- Congratulations to Miss Eyles' class for winning the school Christmas tree competition, the tree can be seen in the church this weekend. The runner up tree from Miss Drissell's class will be in Lloyds Bank.
- Year 1 & 2 pupils gave wonderful performances telling the story of the First Christmas in "Donkey for Sale". Thank you to all the staff and adults who supported the performance and well done to all the children.
- Children from the Reception classes told the story of the Nativity through a selection of seasonal songs (and a number of 'ad libs'!).

Reminders –

- Music Tuition – Violin, Keyboard and Vocal lessons have now finished for this term. Woodwind, Drums, Recorder and Guitar will continue next week.
- Reception Classes - Please remember to send your child into school dressed as a penguin on Mon 13th Dec.
- Football Kit – Please send any washed kit into school before the end of term.
- Please could all dinner money, PGL instalments and any other payments be sent into school by Tues 15th Dec.
- Admissions for Sept 2016 - To secure a school place for children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 you need to apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by 15th January 2016.

Clubs Update – Young Leaders, Girls and Boys Football clubs will finish w/c 14th Dec. All other clubs have finished.

Diary Dates:

- Christmas Lunch day is on Wednesday 16th December.
- The last posting date for Christmas cards in school will be Weds 16th Dec.
- Collective Worship – There is **NO** Celebration Collective Worship Fri 18th Dec.

Messages from St Laurence Church -

- Sat 19th December 3.30pm - Torchlight Nativity
- Sun 20th Dec 6pm - Traditional Carol Service
- Mon 21st Dec 10-11.30am - Christmas Party Church with crafts and refreshments.
- Thurs 24th Dec 4pm - Crib Service - Come and sing carols and hear the story of Jesus' birth.

Book of the Week – Children in Mrs Bent's class have been reading 'Hugless Douglas' by David Melling. Hugless Douglas is a huggable, lovable young brown bear who wakes up one morning in need of a hug. He goes to try and find one but none of them seem quite right.....

Mr A Simms

Thank You!

It was wonderful to see so many of our children and their families at the Christmas Fayre. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and we want to say a huge thank you for all your support and generous donations.

We had a wonderful team of volunteers helping to plan, setup and run the event and we are extremely grateful! If you would like to take part next time, join our Facebook Group “BSA Volunteers” where you can find out what’s going on.

The big news is that we have now reached our fundraising target and building is now underway for the new all-weather play area in the KS2 playground! This will match the popular Storyteller Area in KS1 which was funded through BSA donations two years ago. What a great achievement, well done all of you! We hope the children will enjoy using the new area for many years to come.

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