

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents,



What a fantastic week we have had in school! The spirit of Christmas has swept over the school as our various events have celebrated God's greatest intervention into human life by gifting us the example of Jesus.

Our EY, KS1 & KS2 performances have all been really well attended and our children have created a joyful atmosphere in the school. A visitor to the school today remarked about the incredible warmth and spirit in our children – she works in many

schools in Essex and spoke of how impressed she was by the school – well done children!



In the New Year we will be launching a consultation with the parents about changes to our admission criteria to keep us broadly in line with borough changes. These mean that catchment areas will go – there will be more information on this in January.

The KS2 parents had an opportunity to show their appreciation for our Deputy David Huntingford, (who leaves for a new school at the end of this term) at a Carol Concert given by KS2 today. Mr. Huntingford has worked tirelessly for this school and the children for over six years and it was lovely to see so many parents and Governors there to thank him – he will be greatly missed but we all wish him well and look forward to welcoming him back on visits.

With the BBC news highlighting the risk to children who are becoming involved in the potentially dangerous new trend of 'Live Streaming' (<u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148</u>), our local authority safeguarding team have pointed us to a short animation with a message (<u>https://tinyurl.com/y6v3kf2q</u>) and also a reminder that you can check out <u>www.thinkyouknow.co.uk</u> for further information regarding keeping your children safe online.

## Diary DatesMon 18th Dec......Silent Disco fundraiser for NSPCC 1pm<br/>Mon 18th Dec.....Nursery Christmas Party<br/>Tues 19th Dec.....Christingle service 9am & Christmas dinnerWednesday 20st December: Term ends 1pm (Nursery 12:00)Thursday 21st Dec - Christmas Dinner for 100 homeless people in<br/>Main hall of school

This is the last newsletter before the New Year so it remains for me to wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas break – enjoy the family time and try to get some rest!

Matt Hipperson





School will commence for the Spring Term Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at normal time.