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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week marked the beginning of our Christmas celebrations with the Salvation Army Concert which took place on Thursday. It was lovely to see our children and parents alongside other members of the community all joined together in song and I trust that all who attended enjoyed themselves. I'd like to express my thanks to Martin and the Salvation Army Band & Songsters, those parents who attended, the children who sang and to Mrs Brooks who led our choir.

Some of our children also performed at the Gulbenkian Carol Concert on Tuesday. I heard from Mrs Brooks that the children were all an absolute credit to themselves and the school - beautiful, committed singing and excellent stage behaviour. They sang with energy, focus and very importantly had a lot of fun!



We are awaiting the 'official' photos from The Langton for our school website.

I'm always so proud when I hear about the behaviour and conduct of our children when representing the school at these events.

Today, we held our annual Christmas Bazaar and I would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents who gave up so much of their time to organise and support this event – particularly our PTA members. We were also overwhelmed with the amount of support (and cakes!) we received. This really allowed the staff to focus on the activities for the children and ensuring that they were enjoying themselves.

The initial feedback I have had from the children is that they really enjoyed the PTA Gift Shop and (of course) the tuck shop.

The subsequent school discos then allowed them to burn off all the sugar that they had eaten over the course of the afternoon! Thank you to the staff who stayed to support and to Mr Moon for being our own Superstar DJ.

I am incredible reluctant and saddened to end this newsletter on a 'bad note' but it has been reported to me that someone, whilst parking in the Bridge Haven car park, swore at a member of staff there when they were asked to move. I really do not wish to dwell on this unpleasantness but this behaviour is not acceptable and certainly a poor example to set our children.

James Tibbles, Headteacher



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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019



### Ho, Ho, Ho!

We always welcome news on our children's achievements outside of school and I was really pleased to hear about Rosie's weekend.

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4<sup>th</sup> December 2019



### Brilliant Baking!

Today Year 4 had a great time making bread as part of our Science. A few weeks ago we investigated how yeast makes bread rise by putting sugar, yeast and hot water into a lemonade bottle.

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5<sup>th</sup> December 2019



### Crisp Packet Prize

The Eco team would like to thank everyone who has been bringing empty crisp packets into school. Over the last term we have managed to send off 13kg of empty wrappers!

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### Incredible Ice Skating Evie

Evie from 6NA put on an amazing performance with the cast of Sleeping Beauty at Gillingham ice rink on Wednesday 4th December.

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## Upcoming Dates & Events

All dates and events can be found on our new school calendar.

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

### Year R and 1 Nativity Performances

The Year R and 1 Nativity will take place on the Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> (pm) and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> (am) December.

Following everyone booking their tickets on ParentMail, we have now randomly allocated the seating in order to ensure a degree of fairness.

Letters came home on Friday which detailed the number of tickets you were allocated for each performance and the row in which these seats are allocated (A to J). If you got an 'S', this means standing room only (sorry!)

The rehearsals sound fantastic and it's sure to be an incredible performance. There is no cost but at the end of the performance, there will be a collection for our chosen charity, Save the Children.

### Year 2 Nativity Performances

Year 2 will be holding their traditional nativity production in the church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (both performances in the morning). We won't be issuing tickets but please could we ask parents to limit themselves to two people per performance so that everyone gets a fair chance. As last year, we won't be selling tickets but there will be a retiring collection with all donations going to the Church Fund.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Who doesn't love a Christmas Jumper? On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we'll all be getting into the festive spirit by wearing our Christmas Jumpers with a £1 donation to Save the Children.



### Senior Citizen's Tea Party (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December)

As is tradition, we will be inviting the Senior Citizens of Bridge into the school to hear performances from the children kindly organised by Mr Miles. We are aiming for a 2pm start with doors opening at 1.45pm.

### Christmas Dinner

This will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and school will finish as normal at 3.15pm.

***Please note that Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of term and we return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.***