

# CROW ORCHARD WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

*So sorry this is late - we now have a working photocopier!*

We had a wonderful term at Crow Orchard School. We certainly know how to celebrate Christmas in style here! The celebrations went with a swing and both staff and children enjoyed every minute of it.

So on with the news.....

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5/6 first swimming
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	NSPCC assemblies
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	From 9.00am School Nurse Drop In Session - see Miss Dowling for further information
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Resilience project in year 5
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	DV assemblies
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	2.30 Year 1 class assembly- parents welcome
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC workshops in Y5/6
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR HALF TERM
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	STAFF TRAINING DAY
	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM 2

Just a brief word about the celebrations before Christmas as our photocopier was not working.

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS



The nativity 'It's a Party' was as usual delightful. There were the usual funny moments which hadn't been planned and the tearful moments which make it so special.

The Junior pantomime this year was hysterical. It was called Lights, camel, action and had a seriously strictly theme. Each time I watched it I think I laughed more, except when Mary sang her solo where I cried!

All the children were really involved in the production. They sang their hearts out, the dances were brilliantly choreographed and so well performed and the speakers did amazingly delivering their lines.

Thanks to all the family and friends who came to see the productions, and those who provided costumes.

AND FINALLY thanks to our fantastic team of staff who all contributed in one way or another to putting on these brilliant performances.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH



We all went down to church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December as a whole school to have our annual celebration. This was a lovely occasion which we all enjoyed. We were supported by many parents and friends who came along and said how much they had enjoyed it. I was particularly impressed by a grandparent who came to see me to comment on the exemplary behaviour of the children whilst they were in church. This is something I am very proud of and we have all worked hard to create this ethos over the years.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE & PANTOMIME TRIP



Our Christmas Fayre this year was amazing. The school was filled with lovely smells from the orange mulled wine and mince pies when you walked in, to a mixture of hot dogs and candy floss and popcorn in the hall. The reindeer donkeys left a different sort of smell! The gifts the children had made went down very well with the handmade cups and hot chocolate drinks being the winners this year. Mrs Christmas' grotto was full of making and painting and sticking and creating with some beautiful nail art too. Even one of the Year 6 boys had a lovely shade of sparkly blue painted nails. The reindeer donkeys behaved themselves and Father Christmas was very busy in his grotto. There were as usual stunning cakes and sweets to die for on offer and the raffle and tombola's created an everlasting queue.

A huge thank you to all the staff who as usual pulled their sleeves up and got stuck in. An especially big thank you to Mrs Murray and her team of helpers who made the event happen.

Our family trip to the Pantomime at the Echo Arena in Liverpool was Fabulous! All the children and their families enjoyed it immensely; I've never had so many parents comment on a trip before! Thank you again to Mrs Murray for organising it. We hope to organise another trip next year.

## COMMUNITY SINGING



Our Choir this year were invited to sing at Thanet once again. We have obviously become a firm favourite with the residents, who booked us for our road trip months ago! The children had a lovely visit and the residents once again said how much they enjoyed the singing. All the children had a visit from Father Christmas who gave them a present.

Thanks to Thanet for doing this for our children.

Thanks to Miss Baron and Mrs Rees for continuing to develop our school choir and arranging this event.

## HANGING DECORATIONS



The hanging decorations this year were as usual amazing and looked fantastic in our festive hall. Thanks to all who contributed to helping their child/ren make them.

Winners of this competition (as judged by two impartial people who didn't know who the decorations had been made by) received a selection box and were, in no particular order:-

- George Mc Conville- Reception
- Joshua Adams - Reception
- Mollie Johnson- Year 4
- Rhys Hunt- Year 4
- Kenzie O'Donnell- Year 1
- Jamie Hunt- Year 1
- Aysha Mather- Year 4

All of the children who entered received a Christmas Lolly

## DECEMBER SUPERSTARS TO COME TO MY JANUARY TEA PARTY

I haven't forgotten my November superstars we will have our tea party very soon in January, as the end of term has been so busy and I literally could not fit it in!

These will be our outstanding pupils who have shown excellent Crow Orchard behaviour and attitude during the month of December. Well done children- you will be invited to my January Tea party and be allowed to wear you own clothes on the day chosen. Watch out for Miss Hedges delivering your invitations.

Reception - **Samantha Iddon** for working hard and having a lovely disposition

Year 1 - **George Scott** for consistently trying really hard

Year 2 - **Sam Flanagan** for being well behaved and having a positive attitude to learning

Year 3 - **Cole Payne** for his super attitude and being so sensible

Year 4 - **Blake Webster** for a much better attitude to work and improved behaviour

Year 5 - **William Scott** for excellent attitude and attainment and always giving 100%

Year 6 - **Logan Murray** for never giving less than 100%

### THANK YOU FROM MRS JACOBSEN

A message from Mrs Jacobsen in the office to thank parents/ carers for getting payments in on time. We do really appreciate it and it is so much easier for us to not have to chase up payments which is awkward for everyone.....so let's keep this up in the New Year, so everybody is happy. I like to run a happy ship!

### GOODBYE

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Rees who has gone to pastures new. She has worked at Crow Orchard for 10 years and has contributed to the team in many different ways. Her musical skills and Spanish skills have been shared by many and we will be lost without her.

### THANK YOU PARENTS



To all the children who sent me a Christmas card and in Zach's case who gave me 7! Bless him. Also thanks to the many families who gave me such lovely presents. Your thanks and generosity was very much appreciated.

Finally to all my amazingly special staff, Governors, children and families.....

Best wishes for 2017.

