



15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents

Well, what a magical week! On Monday we held our annual Toy Assembly and were overwhelmed by the kind toys and gifts that you all sent in. Our children have been thinking about others during these final weeks of term and I could not be prouder of their selfless and enthusiastic approach to helping children less fortunate than themselves. We sent your contributions to Children's Trust, Tadworth Court and to the charity Spread Some Sunshine, and we can guarantee you will have spread a lot of joy to those in the greatest need.

On Monday we were also privileged to hear from children sharing their musical ability in our Winter Concert. A wide range of instruments were featured this term including outstanding individual and group performances. We all enjoyed watching these young children perform and thank you all for inspiring others. Special thanks to Miss Colchester for this wonderful afternoon.



On Tuesday our thoughts turned to the theatre and Nursery and Pre-Reception set off to the Epsom Playhouse to watch 'Santa's Magical Journey'. It was a delight to see our youngest children enchanted by the clever show which included bubbles and snow wafting into the delighted audience. The children behaved beautifully and I would like to thank every parent who came to walk down with us which allowed this ambitious initiative to happen.

Our commitment is for every child to experience live theatre and accordingly coaches full of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 set off on Wednesday morning to Guildford to see 'Dick Whittington' the pantomime at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. It was a magnificent production worthy of the West End enjoyed by every child and I was extremely proud of the outstanding behaviour displayed by every single child.

On Thursday it was time for a good old fashioned Christmas party and once again the children put the excitement of Christmas behind them to remember fair play, kindness and generosity of spirit to their class friends. What a lovely day.

On Friday it was time for our famous Christingle service. The reflective beauty of this occasion is commented upon by everyone who experiences it and left us perfectly in the mood to have a very happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting our chosen charity this term. St Christopher's has become famous for the generosity of our families. During the Christmas productions over £800 was given towards the school in Pong Tek, Cambodia and with your contributions in the collection bucket at the Christmas Fair together with a kind donation by Reception Mums the final total this term is an incredible £1271.37! As I mentioned, 100% of donations goes directly to the school so this translates in real terms to 25 children receiving an education for a whole year. What an exceptional Christmas present from the families of St Christopher's. Thank you.

Enjoy every moment of Christmas with your wonderful children and families. Thank you for your kind recognition of the commitment by the whole Team here shown by your beautiful messages, cards and gifts. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year and wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

With very best wishes

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