



The Christmas Herald

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We have had a lovely run up to Christmas at Hayfield Cross and the school has been alive with so many different activities and events. It is such a lovely time of year and great fun for everyone. As a Church school it is even more special as we remember the true meaning of Christmas and the gift that God gave to the world through Jesus. On Tuesday evening we went to Christ the King Church for our Year 2 Carol Concert. Although we did manage to host this last year it was nice to not have restricted numbers or face masks again! The children were just brilliant and shared with us the greatest story ever told through great songs and dancing. Thank you to all who attended and to Jo and Rob at Christ the King for hosting us. On Thursday, we had a different retelling of the Christmas story with Reception's Nativity performances, which were absolutely fabulous. The Reception Nativity is such a special event at Christmas and the children were amazing in their singing and acting. Thank you to all who joined us and to TOPs for providing tea and coffee. All donations will be going towards equipment for Reception.

Last Wednesday Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic treat as we had the Big Bubble Theatre Company in to perform a full panto for the children. It was supposed to be Cinderella but disastrously we had a call the day before telling us Cinders had Covid! Thankfully, Big Bubble did not let us down and sent a different group who performed A Christmas Carol instead. They were superb and the children had a great time. As KS2 go to the Lighthouse Theatre we fund the theatre company for the younger children so they still get to enjoy a Christmas panto! Today it was KS2's turn as the whole of the Upper Segment set off on coaches to the Lighthouse Theatre for the performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. Unfortunately, our very own Poppy in Year 3 who is in the show was not performing today but it was still a brilliant show. As always our children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and thoroughly enjoyed their theatre experience.

On Wednesday this week we had our Christmas dinner from Love Food. It is quite a challenge serving so many children with a Christmas lunch but thankfully our staff joined in and supported and much fun was had by all. Last Friday EYFS were able to host again their Christmas Crafts afternoon for parents to join their children in Christmas activities. It was a fantastic turn out and so lovely to have you all in enjoying the time with your children.

We have also had some fantastic non-Christmas things happening too recently. Kicking off with the Rock Steady Bands putting on a special concert for their families. This week our children who are learning guitar through NMPAT also performed for the whole school. It is great to see young musicians learning to play a range of instruments and get to perform them.

This week Year 4 have also had their Roman Day as an end buzz point to their learning experience. They were all dressed as Romans and took part in a range of activities, my favourite being the end of their DT work on designing and making pizzas as the corridor smelled wonderful all afternoon from their cooking.

Mrs Chester's Crochet club (pictured) have been working really hard to learn this new skill and have made worry worms and Christmas trees - next term they will be attempting Easter eggs! This club has been made possible by a very kind donation of equipment and materials.



We also had a very special visitor this week as Jo Elijah came in to talk to Year 4 about the Jewish faith. Having visitors talk about their faith and beliefs is so important for the children as global citizens so that they grow up with an understanding and acceptance of others.

As we close for Christmas we wish you all a fantastic Christmas and New Year and hope you have a lovely time with family and friends. I would like to say a big thank you for all the kind messages that you have given us and your support through the year. A special thanks to our Governing Board and to all of our staff who really do go above and beyond each and every day to inspire and care for the children.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go³ (Joshua 1:9)*