

**STOP PRESS...****Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December is a Non-Pupil Day**

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

**What a week!**

Last Friday night was the PTA's Christmas Fete and I thought it was fantastic. There was a real buzz all evening, both halls were busy with our local community and everyone enjoyed themselves. I was blown away with the choirs – they were just amazing! I am also pleased to announce that we managed to raise **£1106.48!** This is a fantastic amount for 4 hours work. I have asked the PTA if this money can be used to purchase a much needed stage for the performances – let the saving commence.

This week started with the Year 2 performance and it was a real treat to see the children really enjoy performing to their parents and close relatives. The children were very professional throughout speaking clearly and really focussing on singing the songs to the best of their ability. Up next was Year 1 with their Christmas songs. The children really sang their hearts out with a mixture of modern and traditional songs. The children also reminded everyone of what Christmas means with lots of different words as we often get caught into the trap that Christmas is all about presents.

The whole of Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) made the trip to the church on Thursday for their Christmas performance. This was a real treat for all, the setting was amazing and the singing was outstanding – a proud moment for any parent, relative or member of staff. Well done to all involved.

The highlight of the week was on Wednesday when staff and children dressed in their best Christmas attire for the day. There were some fantastic jumpers and it really helped everyone get in the Christmas spirit. Then at lunchtime the staff served Christmas lunch to over 330 children. Once again, this was a smooth operation and it was great to see the children and staff enjoy lunch together at this special time of year.

I have been so impressed with how many parents attend these events and support the work of the school. My first Christmas as Headteacher at Arthur Bugler has been wonderful and I am looking forward to the last week of celebrations and many more Christmases in the future.

Enjoy your weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Bryant*  
Headteacher

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|  | This week the <b>Attendance Bears</b> have been awarded to |                |                    |              |
|  | <b>KS1</b>                                                 | <b>Class 1</b> | <b>Miss Pugh</b>   | <b>99.3%</b> |
|  | <b>KS2</b>                                                 | <b>Class 7</b> | <b>Mr Simmonds</b> | <b>99.7%</b> |
|  | <b><i>Congratulations to both classes!</i></b>             |                |                    |              |
|  | <b>Whole School Attendance</b>                             |                |                    | <b>97.5%</b> |



### Bronze Headteacher Awards

Lastly, today I presented three more children with a 'Bronze Headteacher Award'. Congratulations to Mia Page, Kaylee Barry, Aimee Irving & Louis Hales. They were all pleased with their Bronze badge and Arthur Bugler ruler. Well done.



### Christmas Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to our 'Bucket' collection at the end of all the performances. The money will be counted and totals will be shared with you in next week's newsletter.



### KS2 Disco

The children had a great time at the KS2 discos last night. All of the children have worked so hard this term and it was lovely to see them enjoy an evening with their friends. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this for the children at such a busy time of year.



### CHRISTMAS TREATS – SEND PARENT GROUP

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00 p.m. our SEND Parent Group will be selling some delicious Christmas homemade treats. So why not treat yourself and your child and help us raise some money for our sensory room.



### CHANGE TO DINNER MENU

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December there is a change to the dinner menu, the BLUE choice will now be Vegetarian Dippers and not Vegetable Stir Fry.



### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Christmas tree decorations (Class 9) – 7/12  
Club Letter (Years 1-6) – 10/12

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



### December

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Years 3 & 4 Shopping Day      |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Years 5 & 6 Shopping Day      |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> | KS2 Behaviour Rewards (PM)    |
|                            | EYFS / KS1 Class Parties (PM) |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Pantomime in School           |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Non-Pupil Day</b>          |

### January

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Return to School          |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> | SEN Coffee Morning (9am)  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Grandparents Celebrations |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Grandparents Celebrations |