

St. Thomas' School News

10.12.21

Events of the Week

Week beginning

13.12.21

Monday

Amethyst and Ruby class party

Tuesday

Opal and Emerald class party

Wednesday

Sapphire class party

Thursday

Christmas Jumper day

Christmas Dinner

Reindeer Run

Friday

Carol Service in Church (see below)

Message from the Headteacher

'He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord'

Luke 1:14-15

This week has been all about getting ready for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and welcome home into our hearts.

The decorations have been hung in the school, the advent wreath and calendar are being used to help us count down and to reflect on what the true meaning of Christmas is.

However, perhaps the most important element of this week was the celebration of Christmas through the performing of two musical plays – 'It's a Baby' and 'Lights, Camel Action!' with audiences. It was very special moment being able to welcome families into school to share the magical moments, something we were unable to do last year.

The videos of the plays will be available soon to watch via the school website, for those that were unable to attend due to restrictions on numbers.

Covid Update

Schools have been asked to make preparations for January if the Omicron variant takes hold. It may be necessary to go back to staggered starts, staggered ends and bubbles in school. If these restrictions need to be implemented, parents will be informed at the earliest opportunity

From the Office...

- Please book **dinners** for your child by midnight on Sunday
- **Music Tuition** fees are now on Wisepay for this half term. The fees need to be paid before the end of the term.

Christmas Tree Festival



St. Thomas' church will be holding its annual Christmas tree festival again this year on **Saturday 11th December** 11.00am – 2.00pm.

Thank you for sending in lots of chocolate with your children last Friday. There was a very impressive haul.

Springhill Hospice Fundraiser



On Thursday 16th December we will wear Christmas jumpers in return for a small donation and take part in a sponsored Reindeer Run. The children will be given a pair of reindeer antlers and in the afternoon, we will all go together on a sponsored run/walk to Ogden Reservoir and back again.

All children have now been given sponsor forms. Please return envelopes to school on Thursday. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

Children come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate shoes for playing outside and for playing games in the school hall.

The parties are held in the afternoon and finish at the normal leaving time of 3.10pm.

Parent's Association

A huge thank you to the members of the association who have worked hard over the past term to organise events for us and to all of you who have supported their efforts.

The money raised paid for the coaches for the Pantomime and for external lighting, which will be installed very soon.



There are already plans afoot for events in 2022. Look out for further information in the new year.

Building Updates

The work is nearly complete, there is just a little bit more external work to complete before the scaffolding comes down.

The internal work in Sapphire class is now finished – the only thing left to do is to paint the new plaster work in the spring. Sapphires will return to their room on Monday.

The children have coped well with the disruptions caused by the emergency repair work, but they will be very glad to be back in the school with the rest of us.