



Christmas 2016 News



Dear Parents and Friends,

Well Christmas is just about here, thank you for supporting all our activities in the run-up to the festive period.

I'm sure all who were lucky enough to see it agree that the Key Stage 1 production of A Midwife Crisis was a great success – my thanks have to go to all those teachers who worked so hard to make the show the treat that it was.

Thank you to Mrs Millard for masterminding the Reception Nativity – it looked wonderful, thank you parents for taking time out of your busy days to share the experience with us.

Thank you to the key stage 2 teaching staff, Mr & Mrs Coomber and particularly Mr Sanders for the magnificent and memorable candlelit Carol service last night. I thought the Year 6 children read with clarity and the Carol singing has never been better. What a pity then that a large handful of children weren't there to share such a moving experience with their parents.

And thank you to June and everyone in the kitchen for a delicious Christmas Lunch - turkey and all the trimmings for 250 of us, cooked from scratch – amazing!

I need also to remember the FODS for their fundraising activities this term, the Christmas Fayre was very well attended. The FODS are currently raising money to contribute towards the installation of an air conditioning system in the enlarged school hall.

You all need to know that building work starts in January; the first phase will be the construction of new office space which will be on the little patch of grass outside the school's main entrance. The builder's compound will be sited at the end of the school carpark this means that staff parking will be severely restricted and there will be no walking access to the school playground via the staffroom footpath.

Look out for the primary school league tables – published today – our children have once again done very well with their attainment being equal 38th nationally, with 100% reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths – this compares with an average of 49% in Norfolk and 53% nationally.

We are having to make some changes for how children are booked into our after school club – more details will be sent out regarding this at the beginning of the New Year.

And lastly what about a New Year's resolution to do with parking. I will resolve not to go on about it in every other newsletter and you could resolve to park legally and considerately and perhaps you might even consider more walking journeys to and from school.

We wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas break and would like to remind you we start the new term on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Yours sincerely

James Richards