



Headteacher Newsletter

Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.



I cannot believe that we are already coming to the end of our first term of the new year. It seems to have flown by without us even being able to blink!

As you all know, this month is one of my favourites with all of the preparations for Christmas. The children have worked so incredibly hard on all of their performances and I have to say a huge well done to everyone involved in making them all so amazing. I had the biggest smile on my face throughout, I am so proud of you all...I am sure the remaining few will be just as fantastic and so will make sure I have my tissues with me just in case!

We look forward to the end of term and particularly our annual Christmas craft event. This is always a fantastic family event, so please keep your eyes peeled for further details on this and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

In the last newsletter we spoke about the brand new library which is all up and running. The children gave some really positive feedback and have enjoyed spending time reading in the area. We look forward to sharing some best practice on using the library in the upcoming Spring Term.

As a school you know that our philosophy is all based around kindness, dignity and respect. Please bare this in mind when speaking to members of staff. We understand that everyone has different views and we do appreciate your opinions, but please can we ask that you think carefully about how you communicate these.

During this half term all Phase Leaders should have invited you to workshops based on ideas from parents and pupils to improve and support the school priorities this year. In addition to this teachers should have invited you for breakfast sessions to see the class in operation in the morning. Any of these not completed this half term will be done next half term so please see your class teacher or look out for more information in the half termly letter at the beginning of the new term.

We hosted many events and held clubs, 48 in total :) which is an incredible achievement, with parents and children having some input into the clubs that staff offered to run in their own time. I would like to thank all of the staff who give up their time to run clubs and hold events in school. Thank you also to parents who took the time to thank staff for these clubs as they finished for the first term. Clubs will resume again in the Spring term beginning mid January with a letter coming to you all on the first full week back to school.



Highlights from the past few weeks

We had a very successful Parents Evenings back in early November

Year 3 enjoyed being Evacuated to Stibbington

The children performed their Christmas plays, 40 in total!

The school had a visit from the Pantomime who brought along Cinderella

Another amazing Talent Show has taken place followed by Christmas dinner and Disco

We look forward to Santa visiting us, we hope we are all on the nice list :)

The Birth of Jesus

A short story for you to share together.

Joseph was a carpenter who lived in Nazareth. He was engaged to be married to a young woman named Mary. One night, he had a dream. In this dream, an angel of the Lord came and stood beside him. The angel said to him, "Joseph, son of David, I have a message for you. Mary is going to have a son, sent by the Lord. You are to name him Jesus, because he will save people from their sins."

Joseph and Mary were married in Nazareth. Soon, a command was given from the emperor Augustus Caesar through all the lands of the Roman empire. This order said that all the people had to return to the cities and towns from which their families had come. Their names would be written down on a list, for the emperor wanted a list of all the people under his rule. This was called a census.

Both Joseph and Mary had come from the family of David the king. So they started the trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, to have their names recorded.

It was a long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They had to travel down the mountains to the river Jordan. They then followed the Jordan almost to its end. After that, they still had to climb the mountains of Judah to the town of Bethlehem.

But when they arrived in Bethlehem, they found that the city was full of people, who, like themselves, had come for the census. They looked for a place to stay, but the inn was full. There was no room for them.

The best they could do was to go to a stable where the cattle were kept. There, the baby was born, and Mary laid him in a manger where the cattle were fed.

On that night, in a field near Bethlehem, some shepherds were tending their sheep. Suddenly, a great light shone on them, and they saw an angel of the Lord standing before them. They were filled with fear, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for I bring you wonderful news for all people. Today in Bethlehem, the city of David, a Saviour is born. He is Jesus Christ the Lord. Here is how you will know. You will find him wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger."

And then they saw that the air around the sky above them were filled with angels, praising God and singing:

"Glory to God in the highest. And of earth peace among men in whom God is well pleased."

While they looked with wonder, and listened, the angels went out of sight as suddenly as they had come. Then the shepherds said to one another:

"Let us go at once to Bethlehem, and see this wonderful thing that has come to pass, and which the Lord has made known to us."

Then, quickly, they rushed to Bethlehem. There, just as the angels had said, they found Joseph and Mary and the baby lying in a manger. They told Mary and Joseph how they had seen the angels, and what the angels had told them. They spread the word everywhere, and everyone who heard was amazed. Mary thought deeply about these things, and treasured them in her heart.

After their visit, the shepherds went back to their flocks, praising God for the good news that he had sent to them.

When the little one was eight days old, they gave him a name; and the name given was "Jesus," a word that means "salvation," as the angels had told both Mary and Joseph that he should be named. So the very name of this child told what he should do for men; for he was to bring salvation to the world.



Merry Christmas from everyone at Southfields Primary School!



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Punctual Achievement:

Jassiyah F, Keira F, Niamh B, Struan E, Riley DB, Tayo D, Ryan C, Faith B, Ema G, Christian C, Reuben B, Lewis C, Evan H, Amy F, Mia R, Mackenzie P, Jessica P, Evalyn S, Emily S, Nathan W, Finley F, Harry F, Olive C, Toby F, Micah D'Santos, Tayler G, Melody D, Corey C, Layla H, Chloe G, George H, Summer F, Luke G, Charlotte E, Marta G, Storm G, Aimee CD, Annabelle H, Marcus L, Filip K, Annelise W, Martyna L, Nieve B, Lena S, Rachel F, Riley AL, Isabell F, Tamara C, Lucy M, Scarlett H, Alfie H, David F, Lucy H, Laura K, Nicole H, Imogen G, Leonie C, Lilijana L, Lucas M, Samuel J, Jakob B, Hannah C, Thomas H, Zilvinas S, Farhan C, Alicia B, Macy W, Daniel K, Jessica L, Lily-May P, Mia F, Kallum R, Sally N, Jan A, Tyler R, Fatou T, Dhiran J, Sophie A, Shania W and Madison R.

Achievements:

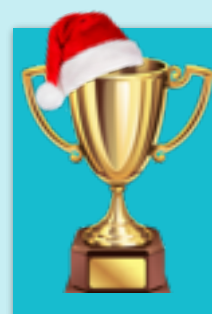
Callum B, Ella Jones, Prathika K, Efe I, Kady C, Josh P, Kitana C, Cerin MB, Macy W, Jayce U, Callam S, Wiktoria N, Riley DB, Ruby H, Julia B, Jamie S, Caycee K, Katie S, Oliver TE, Hasnain K, Macy C, Nell C, Mason S, Isabelle K, Henry T, Luca S, Jakub S, Jaspreet S, Patrick D, Scarlett H, Harry W, Jessica B, Oliver A, Layla H, Charlotte L, Oliver C, Edward B, Lucion O, Chritstian C, Mea Z, Rio B, Grace R, Anna G, Calum C, Courtney C, Charles B, Georgian B, Kyle TP, Jack U, Blake S, Cailin F, Leo S, Nia I, Alexis H, Ellie W, Jessica P, Callum K, Xander R, Jenson R, Alex D, Erin M, Thomas P, Natalia S, Kelsie B, Imogen S, Aimee J, Alessio M, Archie W, Samuel J, Joe W, Harry G, Keana M, Bilal K, Alfie J, Jake G, Owain S, Nathan W, Abigail W and Ben C.

Marvelous Manners:

Archie J, Isobella F, Manpreet S, Cameron P, Noah P, Keisha F, Cody B, Jamie S and Bradley L.

Mathletics:

Caitlin L, Shyla J, Amy F, Rachel F, Shyla J and Erin S.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Gemma B, Oliver C, Tobius H, Amelia RH, Madison R, Callen S, Abolaji O, Thomas H, Kaylee TP, Amber N, Olivia B, Mason S, Oskar W, McKenzie C, Layla P, Lucas L, Maree Z, Neo B, Eliza S, Malou S, Julia S, Ellie W, Lucy B, Gracie P, Lewis C, Oscar W, Jessie G, Shanelle N, Leo S, Christabel H, Emily S, Fatimah A, Dexter B, Daniel L, Kiara N, Leonie C, Hope O, Natalia R, Keira F, Marlie B, Julia B, Niamh B, Mylie C, Maisie S, Teigan B, Amber CD, Layla H, Freddie M, Jamie S, Leah E, Dennis P, Jayden H, Grace J.

HOUSE WINNERS

KS1 - Kings: Theo (JW), Malakhy (NP), Jamie S and Tayo (JW)

Queens: Ema (VJ), Chloe (RW) and Amber (HL)

KS2 - Kings: Daniel (NB), Bradley (NB) and Jan (KC)

Queens: Emila (JA), Jessica (JA), Keeley (JS) and Nieve (KC)

1 st Robins	1765
2 nd Kingfishers	1742
3 rd Canaries	1559
4 th Parrots	1485



We hope you have an amazing break with your families :) x



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Talent show, Christmas buffet and Disco 16.12.16
Xmas Production Yr R 19.12.16
Christingle 20.12.16
Christmas Craft 20.12.16

January

School Nurse Drop in 11.01.17
Clubs 1st week 16.01.17
School Nurse Drop in 18.01.17
Year 1 Multiskills 20.01.17

2016-2017 TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2016

Opens - Wednesday 7th September
Half term - Monday 24th to Friday 28th October
Ends - Wednesday 21st December

Spring Term 2017

Opens Wednesday 4th January
Half term - Monday 20th to Friday 24th February
End - Friday 7th April

Summer Term 2017

Opens - Wednesday 26th April
May Day - Monday 1st May
Half term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
Ends - Thursday 20th July

PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

As always we really value your opinions about our school. Please add your comments here for the Headteacher. You can return them in an envelope if you would prefer them to remain confidential.

This month I am particularly interested in your views about the Christmas events that take place through December. We would like to have some feedback about the elements the children love and you would like to see continue in the future and the things you think are less important. Please score 1-10 on the following.

1 = not important

10 = very important

December 2016

1. The Pantomime being purchased for all children to watch ____
2. The Family Christmas Crafts Event ____
3. The Christmas Productions ____
4. Visit from Santa ____
5. Christmas Buffet purchased for all children ____
6. Christmas Disco ____
7. Christmas Talent Show ____
8. Christmas Class Card for parents to purchase ____

Moving into 2017

What things would you like and feel are important:

1. Breakfast sessions, meet the teacher and spend time in class ____
2. Workshops ____
3. Clubs ____
4. School Nurse 'Drop ins' ____
5. Mid year report ____
6. E Safety - for parents at home ____
7. Food for Life family event (food growing ideas) ____

Please use the remaining space to make any further comments about things you like, the things you think we need to develop or any ideas you may have and we will try to use them in school.

Merry Christmas Everyone
Love from Mrs Martin and all the Southfields team xxx