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# Newsletter 14

# 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

St Stephen's Primary Church School

**Happy Friday!**

Christmas has well and truly unwrapped itself here – it's been a busy but very festive week, which all kicked off last Saturday...

**Festive Fair...** What a brilliant event the festive fair was. A huge thanks to Rosie, Sam, Karin and the large team of PTA members and class reps who helped make it possible. As you will appreciate, a huge amount of work goes in to the planning, preparation, running and tidying up the fair and it resulted in a really special afternoon. Thank you to everybody who came along to the fair. I hope you enjoyed it, and the fantastic news is that your support raised a total of £4,359! An amazing total - thank you so much!

**Tree Sale...** On Sunday, the festivities continued with the now traditional Christmas tree sale in the carpark. Thank you so much to Nic for once again being the driving force behind this and to her team of helpers (please see overleaf). It is popular with families throughout our community and this year raised a staggering £1,331! Absolutely incredible, and what an amazing total for the weekend. Thank you for all of your support.

On the other page you will see a break-down of the funds the PTFA have raised through various events this Autumn. Your generosity with time and money is helping to bring our dream of a new inspiring classroom and learning space ever-closer. We are pulling in final quotes at the moments and will share more details in January.

**Nativities...** This morning we enjoyed the third and final performance of our EYFS and Phase 1 Nativity 'Mid-wife Crisis'. The children have been superstars all week – the singing, acting, dancing and narrating has been fantastic and most importantly the children have seemed to love performing it. Excuse the quality of the photography, but here is a taster from the wings...



**E-safety tips...** If your child receives any new electronic devices over Christmas, you might like to have a look at this website ([www.net\\_aware.org.uk](http://www.net_aware.org.uk)) to help with the set-up of the device for safe online use. NSPCC have also teamed up with O2 and as well as this website (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>) they have a telephone helpline (0808 800 5002) and staff are also available in O2 stores to provide hands-on assistance.

We are now looking forward to Christmas parties, the Phase 2 Christmas Concert and Carols by Candlelight, all ready to go next week!

Have a wonderful weekend, Andy Bowman

*Love*

*Courage*

*Creativity*

*Joy*



## Choir Success!

Congratulations to our school choir who have been performing in and around Bath over the last two weeks. Our children sang beautifully and the guests appreciated the festive spirit. We have performed at St Stephen's Church Centre, St Stephen's Christmas Fair and Dorothy House in Winsley. Last on our tour, St Stephen's Carols by Candlelight service! We hope to see you there. Keep singing!



## DIARY DATES...

### Coming up in December...

13<sup>th</sup> - Phase 1 Nativity Performances 10am  
(Forms 7 & 8)

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Week of Christmas parties:  
(16<sup>th</sup> R/Y2; 17<sup>th</sup> Y1/3; 19<sup>th</sup> Y4/5; 20<sup>th</sup> Y6)

17<sup>th</sup> - Phase 2 Christmas Concert 6pm-7 p.m.  
in Church

18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch

18<sup>th</sup> – Phase 2 Film Afternoon

18<sup>th</sup> - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm

19<sup>th</sup> – Phase 1 Film Afternoon

19<sup>th</sup> – Crescendo Concerts The Nutcracker -  
Whole School

**20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day**

20<sup>th</sup> - End of Term Service in Church 9.45am

20<sup>th</sup> - End of Term

**(Items in bold are new to the list)**

**PTA NEWS...**The PTFA has raised the following this term with everyone's hard work and commitment:

Xmas fair £4,359

Xmas trees £1,331

Xmas card commission £257

Xmas social £430

Bedtime stories £438

2nd hand uniform sale £485

Nativity coffee sales £171

**Total £7,472.00**

I think you will all agree that is an amazing effort towards the new library!

## Carols by Candlelight...On Wednesday 18th

December the children of Orchestra, Flute, Recorder Club, Mrs Bremner's Choir Club and the School Christmas Choir will be performing at this special evening event which takes place in our school hall from 6pm to 7pm.

If you would like to watch your child, you are entitled to two tickets per family which can be picked up from the school office from today.

We hope to see you there for mulled wine and a mince pie.

Ms Flynn

**After School Care Club...** Please ensure booking forms for Term 3 are returned to the Office or After School Club by MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. New bookings will only be accepted on receipt of a booking form and payment made termly in advance via ParentPay.

Thank you.

Joanne Goldaniga

## After School Clubs...

Just a reminder that there will be NO After School Clubs next week or during the first week of Term in January.

Liz Flood

**Christmas Tree Sale...** Thank you to everyone who came and bought a Christmas tree on Sunday, it was a record year for sales, making a profit of just under £1,400 for the school!

Thank you to the year 6 parent helpers – Rachel, Gilli, Ann and Lucy, and a special thanks to Martha, Charlotte, Aila and Cara.