

## **NEWSLETTER 15 – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

### **Christmas Activities**

- On Tuesday we held our *Christingle Service*. Each part of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time. The orange represents the world, the red tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ and the lit candle represents Jesus as the light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.
- On Wednesday we all walked to St Laurence Church, for our *Christmas Service*. The House Captains narrated the Christmas story, and we all sang a selection of carols. Year 2 children took part in the Nativity tableaux. Thank you to our helpers who escorted the children and to Mrs Meehan for leading the service.
- Mrs Fisher and her team cooked and served nearly 300 *Christmas lunches* to pupils and staff on Wednesday. They were ably assisted by the House Captains who served the younger children.
- Children in Years 3 and 4 have been *making truffles* this week as part of their D & T Project. They enjoyed designing a box in which to display the truffles which are being sent home as Christmas treats.

**Sports Enrichment Days** – All year groups have taken part in sports enrichment days recently. They have enjoyed taking part in a variety of sports including Bhangra Dancing, Skipping and YBall (a variation of hand ball).

**Book Reports** – All children in KS2 will have received a report about the books that they have read this term and a number of comprehension quizzes that they have passed. The report gives you an indication of how your child is progressing with their reading, if there is anything you would like to discuss please contact the class teacher.

**Internet Safety** – For help and advice on devices that you may be giving your children this Christmas, please visit [www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/) .

**Reception admissions for Sept 2019** - To secure a school place for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2015 you need to apply online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions) by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Clubs Update** –Girls football, Boys Football, Sewing Club and Athletics will restart w/c 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. Young Voices will be having rehearsals on Wed 9<sup>th</sup>, Mon 14<sup>th</sup> and Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jan French Club will restart 14<sup>th</sup> Jan and Year 3/4 Tchouckball will be starting on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – letters will be available in January.

### **St Laurence Church Christmas Services**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2.30pm – Village Carol Singing, Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.30am – Carol Service,  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm - Crib Service, 11.30pm – Midnight Communion,  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am – Family Communion

**Book of the Week** – We always enjoy ‘The Night before Christmas’ by Clement Moore. This traditional poem from 1822 is a lovely story that captures the wonder and excitement of waiting for St Nicholas.

On behalf of all our staff and governors I would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteer helpers for all their support this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you before the gates close at 8.55am on TUES 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Mr A Simms**

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Christmas and a very  
Happy New Year  
from all of your BSA  
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