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ROUND UP 15th December 2023

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CHRISTMAS DINNER FUN!

Thursday was Christmas Dinner Day at St Anne's! Despite having a cook absent in the kitchen, the staff team pulled together and managed to provide the children with one of the best Christmas Dinner events that we have ever had. We would also like to thank Fiona Thompson for volunteering her time in the kitchen to support our remaining cook. There was lots of singing and a little bit of dancing! As always we had two separate sittings. But this year the Year 6 joined in with Reception and KS1 where many of the children helped the little ones with pulling some crackers and cutting up their dinners. It was a truly lovely event and the atmosphere in the hall was lovely.







Rocksteady



Today we were all treated to the end of term Christmas Rocksteady concert. Eight bands played and each and every one of the children did a fantastic job. The whole school was clapping along and joining in with all the fun.

We had lots of parents come and join us for this event and we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

If you want your child to take part in these sessions then a separate email is being sent to all parents. Lessons will resume again in January.

Community links



Residents from the new local care home were invite into school today for their own private Nativity Performance.
Children's from Year 6 sent the residents invitations to the dress rehearsal and we were really pleased to welcome them into the school.

This is the first of many activities we are planning to build links with the Saxon Manor. On Wednesday 20th, just after school finishes, the home is running a Christmas Party open to all the community. Santa will be there as well as reindeer and sleigh. Why not pop along with your child to enjoy some Christmas fun At Saxon Manor (opposite Co-op).

PSFA Do Some Art Competition

The PSFA ran an art competition over the last few weeks with a Christmas Theme. It was a difficult competition to judge! Prizes were awarded in celebration assembly today. The PSFA raised a total of £78. Thank you for everyone's hard work.

Music lessons

If your child is interested in starting singing or piano lessons, please contact Julia Riley as she has two spaces available for lessons in school. juliarileysings@gmail.com



Monthly Eco Top Tips

Samuel and Elowen in Year 6 are the Fosse House Captains. As part of St Anne's Courageous Advocacy project, Fosse has been given the cause of climate change to focus on. Samuel and Elowen have asked to include monthly advice that people can follow to help the environment. Here is their first installment.

Monthly Climate Change Top Tips: December

We are the Fosse house captains and we are campaigning for an end to climate change. Here is our environmental advice.

- Use recycled wrapping paper when you are wrapping gifts. If you are feeling creative, you can
 purchase the brown variant and decorate it.
- Use low-power LED fairy-lights to decorate your home. This will save energy and lower your bills. If you purchase a plastic Christmas Tree, there is a chance it might break, so you should consider purchasing a real one. If your home space doesn't allow this, you should look after it and re-use it



PSFA CHRISTMAS HATS

Once again, the PSFA will be running their Christmas Hat treat giveaway.

Starting Friday 1st December until the last day of school, the PFSA will be in the playground either at drop off or after school giving away small treats to the first 50 children.



E SAFETY TIPS: SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

With Christmas coming up, children who are on social media will be keen to share their excitement with friends. Here is some advice that they could be given to keep them safe.

- 1) Don't accept friend requests from strangers 2) Remember that, once a photo is posted online, it is there
- 3) Get the permission of another person if you are going to post a picture of them online
- 4) Create a positive online reputation it is important to treat people online with respect and to always be kind and polite.
- 5) Always talk to a trusted adult if social media is making you unhappy or uncomfortable.



Donations

At the Christingle Service on Wednesday 20th we will once again be inviting donations for the Children's Society, who introduced the tradition of Christingle to this country from Germany in the 1960s. Envelopes will be provided for cash, or cheques made out to The Children's Society. Thank you.

EYFS /KS1 Nativity

Performances of the EYFS / KS1 Nativity are on:

> **Monday 18th December** at 2pm **Tuesday 19th December** at 2pm

in the school hall

Christingle

One of our most moving and beautiful services is the Christingle

This will be held at 9.15am on Wednesday 20th of December (the last day of term) in the school hall.

All are welcome to join us for this very special service.



REMINDERS

- Monday 18th / Tuesday 19th EYFS &KS1 Nativity 2pm in hall.
- Wednesday 20th December 9.15am Christingle service Hall
- Wednesday 20th December END of TERM 1.30pm finish time
- Wednesday January 3rd INSET day school closed
- Thursday January 4th First day of Spring term.

