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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

After the success of our PTA Christmas Fayre earlier, let me begin by thanking those of you who came along. I hope you enjoyed the occasion as much as I did. There was certainly a lot on offer to get us into the Christmas spirit but I am sure a meeting with Father Christmas was the highlight for many! The Senior and Junior Choir did a wonderful job welcoming everyone to the event and my thanks go to them and Mrs. Laraine Brown for their work. Our Gardening Club led Mrs. Lande Brown enjoyed the opportunity to sell products they have made recently and were delighted to raise just over fifty pounds to spend on future gardening projects. Above all, however, I would like to thank Laura Huish and her team for their enormous dedication in planning and executing the event. A huge amount of work has been carried out in the run up and I am grateful to Laura and everyone who has helped organise and run a stall. It won't be long before I can confirm how much has been raised but in the meantime thank you all for your support.



In other news this week Yr.3 and children in Reception had a visit from Rabbi Zvi who came in to talk about the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah. He was well received and the children seemed to enjoy learning from him.

On Wednesday, four children from Year 6 took part in the second round of the Explore Learning's 'National Young Mathematician's Awards 2017'. Their steely determination and skill, battling against other top schools in the region, has won them a place in the 3rd stage of the competition. This is an enormous achievement considering 900 schools nationally entered and now we are one of 60 still left in the competition. From those 60 schools, five will be selected to travel to Cambridge University for the final in a few weeks. We now wait nervously as the judges study our work, to determine if we should be granted a place. Huge congratulations go to Jack Pain, Thomas Moorhouse, Sadie Huddleston and Lily Gibson for their success so far.

For those of you able to join us at Holy Trinity Church's Advent Service this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will meet at school at 10.30am before walking to church for the service which begins at 11 am. The children should wear school uniform. Everyone is welcome.

Anna Smith

## MONTHLY CALENDAR DATES

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – All Welcome – Holy Trinity Church Advent Service – 11am Pupils to wear school uniform
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 and Foundation Stage – Nativity play – 2pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 and Foundation Stage – Nativity Play – 6pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – 'Carols with the Choirs' concert
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Christmas party
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christmas party
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rocksteady parents – Rocksteady concert – 10.30 am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Church Service
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term – finish 3:15 pm



**Cygnets Class** – Gus Grint – for trying his best at everything at school

**Swan Class** – Yaseen Al-Amin – for great listening and always being willing to answer questions and suggest ideas

**Kingfisher Class** – Jenna Elliot – for shining like a superstar while learning more nativity words than you can shake a star at!

**Gosling Class** – Scarlett Smith for superb progress in reading and an all-round excellent attitude to learning

**Teal Class** – Darcey Blake – for excellent focus during maths resulting in great progress

**Cormorant Class** – Aston Smith – for making a determined effort to respond positively to teaching points

**Moorhen Class** – Ben Grant – for showing a more focused, mature and respectful attitude as well as producing some outstanding maths work