



FCJ Primary School

Christmas 2023

Reason For The Season



On the last morning of term, we gathered in the hall to pause, pray and remember the 'reason for the season'. We sung special songs from each Christmas production and the Year 5 Soup Kitchen Choir sung a Christmas carol. Mrs Taylor shared a special Christmas mission for the children to complete over the holidays.



Hope

Hope inspires and enables us to persevere in the face of difficulties. It empowers us to fulfil our aspirations and grow towards spiritual, intellectual and emotional maturity.

Pre-School Christmas Party!

Today we celebrated Christmas in Pre-School with a party full of fun, the day was made even more special with a visitor!



We played pass the parcel, had a Christmas lunch, made candy cane decorations, party hats and had a disco. It was so much fun, thank you for all our wonderful parents for the party food contributions!

Reception Nativity

The Reception children were proud to perform 'Hey Ewe' to our school community and to their families. 'Hey Ewe' is all about a curious sheep that spots some strange goings on in the hills outside of Bethlehem! The sheep follows the star all the way to the stable and finally finds the baby Jesus lying in the manger. The children enjoyed singing all the songs and bringing the Christmas spirit to everyone!



Party Time in Reception



Reception had a fantastic party with their friends in Key Stage 1. The activities included a Christmas disco, Christmas crafts, a delicious party tea and pass the parcel! We also had a very special visitor who arrived to read a lovely Christmas story and give everyone on the 'Nice List' a very special present.

KS1 SANTA!

KS1 celebrated the end of school and Christmas with a wonderful party on Thursday 14th of December. We had a disco, craft activities, stories and sharing with everyone in Key Stage One and Foundation Stage. The parents were very generous and sent in a variety of delicious food which all the children enjoyed at lunch time. The highlight of the day was a Q&A session with Father Christmas, where we learned he had so many elves he did not know all of their names and that his reindeer need an afternoon snack every day at half past two. Santa treated them to his favourite poem, 'The Night Before Christmas' before giving each of them a gift from his sack. It was a wonderful day.



Key Stage One Nativity - Baubles

In a school not too far away, Mr Pots the school caretaker saw something had been overlooked. With the help of some mice, he sets to work to create some beautiful baubles for the bare, forgotten Christmas tree and helps the children to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas



We were extremely proud of the whole of Key Stage One, they sung beautifully and performed their lines with confidence.

FESTIVE DANCING

The children from lower KS2 enjoyed a day filled with fun, creativity and Christmas spirit. The Year 3 and 4 children were delighted to show off their festive outfits and funky dance moves! They were also very creative and have made some eclectic mix of Christmas arts and crafts. We rounded off the festivities as a key stage family with a Christmas movie.



Merry Christmas

Year 5 have been writing letters to the people at St. Joseph's Residential and Nursing Home wishing them all a very Merry Christmas. The children brought in a variety of sweet treats as well as homemade Christmasy gifts. They also practised their superb wrapping skills! Miss Peterson is very excited to deliver the box of gifts and letters over the Christmas holidays and spreading joyful Christmas cheer.



YEAR 6 ON ICE!

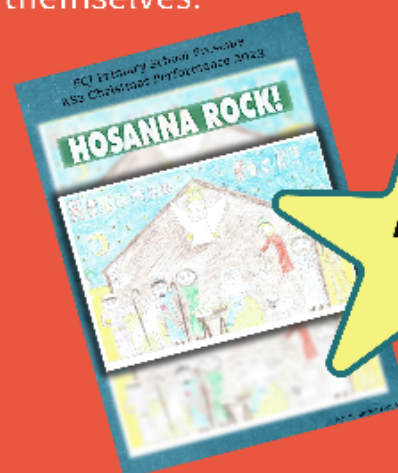
Year 6 had a wonderful time at their Christmas Party! They all showed FCJ Companionship and Excellence in abundance at both the ice-skating at lunch after at Bella Italia. They'd certainly worked up an appetite! All the children had a fabulous time on the ice and were even treated to a performance by Mrs Bisson!



HOSANNAH ROCK!

KEY STAGE 2

A huge thank you to all of the parents that came to watch the Key Stage Two Nativity – Hosannah Rock. The children were all wonderful and showed us the real meaning of Christmas through their story telling, dancing and singing. A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor for directing and conducting, Mrs Salmon for the Christmas French song, our very own FCJ band and the Key Stage Two teachers for all of their hard work and especially the children themselves.



Hosannah Rock chronicles the arduous journey of two people, Mary and Joseph, a miraculous pregnancy, and the history-defining birth of Jesus. The dramatic and compelling play traces the perilous journey of a young couple who must travel from their home in Nazareth to Bethlehem, Joseph's ancestral home, to register for a census ordered by King Herod. It is a journey of over 100 miles with fun music that includes rock, blues and a lullaby ... the whole effect was heart-warming, entertaining and brought the occasional tear.

A Christmas Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we reach the end of this incredibly busy, but productive term, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all our parents for your unwavering support.

This term has been truly special, marked by the incredible efforts of our children and fantastic staff. Their enthusiasm and engagement have made it a wonderful experience for all.

The recent Christmas Bazaar was an exciting highlight for all our children. This special event could not have taken place without the skilful (and many hours) of organisation from Mrs Falla (PSA Chair), the PSA Committee and all the wonderful parents who very kindly took the time to come and support this fantastic event. I'm sure you will agree that seeing the smiles on all the children's faces, along with how our older children demonstrated our FCJ Values in taking care of the pre-school and reception children, was just a joy to behold. We look forward to experiencing more exciting events throughout the school year.

As always, our heartfelt thanks go to our incredible staff team for their continued dedication, the countless extra hours, and always going above and beyond! We are so blessed to have such outstanding professionals, and it is such a privilege to be a small part of such an exceptional staff team.

Together, in this special season of Advent, parents and staff have witnessed the magic of our children's enchanting nativities, which have filled our hearts with such joy. These have been a great testament to both students and staff, who have created wonderful, lasting memories for us all.

In the spirit of the FCJ Values, that make our school such a special place, our pupils and staff have demonstrated companionship, compassion, justice, and a commitment to excellence on a daily basis. It is heartening to see these values not just spoken, but lived out on a daily basis in the actions of our pupils, staff, and the school community.

A very sincere thank you to all our parents and pupils who so generously supported our fundraising efforts this term, we greatly appreciate your donations. Your support for the SVP Reverse Advent Calendar collections, is making a meaningful impact and contributing to a brighter holiday season for those in need. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

In this holy season of Advent, a time of anticipation and reflection, our thoughts and prayers are with those around the world enduring the inexplicably harsh realities of war and separation. Let us join in prayer for peace in the world, and the hope that families torn apart by conflict and loss, can find solace and togetherness amidst unspeakable adversity.

Thank you again, to all our parents for your continued and meaningful support of our staff and the school community. Working within a meaningful relationship of mutual trust and respect, together with our parents, is the foundation of our success, and creates an environment where each child will thrive personally and academically. We are excited for the possibilities of the future, and look forward to creating more wonderful memories together in the upcoming terms.

May the true meaning of this Holy season guide us to extend love and kindness to those around us. May the blessings of Christmas bring warmth to your homes and joy to your hearts.

I wish you and your families a Christmas filled with love, laughter, special times with our loved ones, and the spirit of the season.

Kindest regards
Ms Lenzi

“Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for Him!”

Pope Francis **11**

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