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Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

20.12.19– Newsletter

Christmas Performances

So many of you will have enjoyed the fantastic performances this week by many of our older children. This started with the superb production of 'Pictures of a Christmas World' by the Inventors and Pioneers. This show saw the children exploring cultures and traditions from all around the world. They showed us their amazing singing, acting and dancing skills and thoroughly entertained their audiences. Yesterday, the Discoverers and Voyagers performed their Christmas Concert (only once due to the poor weather!) at St John's church. This was the first time the younger children had performed without the older children in Y5 and Y6. They were amazing! Beautiful, confident singing and readings that were thoroughly enjoyed by all of those lucky enough to be watching. All of our children have been involved in events that have helped to prepare the community for the Christmas celebrations!

Donations

At the performances, we also had some collections. As a result of the generosity of those watching, we are able to make a £236.13 donation to Rowcroft Hospice, the charity chosen by our children to again support this year, and also donate £51.50 to St John's Church. Thank you to all of those who gave their money to these two very worthy causes.

Christmas Choir

Another quick mention of our hardworking Christmas Choir. As well as further performances at the FOBS Christmas Fayre and the Carol Concert, they have also visited Moors Park and Bishopsteignton House care homes to sing to the residents. As we have said previously, making an impact on our community is very important to us as a school and I would like to thank Mrs Maslen for leading the choir and sharing the Christmas spirit with our neighbours.

Thank you!

Today we have said a big 'Thank You' to 4 ladies who have worked tirelessly as part of our FOBS team for many years. Tanzi, Steph, Karen and George have taken major roles and made a huge difference to the pupils of our school by raising thousands of pounds that has been gratefully received and utilised in many different ways. A special mention was given to George who has been a very humble Chair of FOBS and provided dedicated and caring leadership. The ladies were presented with flowers and cards made by children in the school.

FOBS Christmas Fayre

Another fantastic event organised by our wonderful FOBS team. There was such a great atmosphere around the whole school with so many people working together to make it a success. The team raised an enormous £2000! Thank you so much to everyone involved.

We will continue to communicate how we spend the money and the difference it makes to our children's school experience.

Goodbye Mrs Howe

As you are aware, Mrs Howe is also leaving the school today. Katy has been involved with the Bishopsteignton community for 16 years since her daughter started at the pre-school, impacting on the lives of so many families. She has many different important roles in our school and all of the staff will miss her professionalism, dedication, natural rapport with the children and of course her sense of humour! Good luck Katy! We hope to see you soon!



Pupil Voice

Before the General Election and discussing the 'Rule of Law', we again looked at our School Development area of 'Pride'. The children have an amazing ability to say things in a way that we would never think of! This is again demonstrated in this reflection that I wanted to share with you-

'PROUD means to feel accomplished and amazed at what you did. Not bragging, but just feeling really good inside.' Henry- Y6

Please note that MONDAY 6th JANUARY is a non-pupil day and we will therefore see the children for the first time in 2020 on TUESDAY 7th JANUARY.

On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)**

FUTURE DATES

Monday 6th January 2020	Non-Pupil Day- Staff INSET
Tuesday 7th January 2020	1 st Day of Spring Term 2020