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Dear all,

A great week at school. Thanks to all for your hard work and commitment. Reception were using their new waterproof onesies to explore outside, Y1 were making delicious fruit kebabs, Y2 were becoming experts at their Christmas songs, Y3 learnt about vertebrates and invertebrates, Y4 had an amazing trip to the American Museum, Y5 learnt some brilliant street dance moves, and Y6 learnt some great topic words like circumnavigation and privateer! Continue to reach for the stars Year 6 and follow your dreams! Music around the school continues to get better each week- drumming, ukulele, recorder and composing in Ks2 classes, along with all sorts of musical experiences in KS1. Also, well done to choir on their trip out this week too.

'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'



A Christmas Nativity concert

**THUNK** Also, we will sometimes be putting questions (called 'thunks') on the newsletter that it'd be great if you could talk through with your children- it will help them develop their speaking and listening skills, and hopefully be a bit of fun... So:

*Where does the sky start and where does it finish?*

**News items:**

1. Heart FM! Well done to choir who recorded a Christmas song that will be played live on Heart FM next week, we believe on 12<sup>th</sup> December between 6 and 9 a.m. We will get details of the podcast version if you wish to re-listen and send out the link when we have it. WOW! What an enriching activity!
2. **Christmas Nativity:** Infant Nativity with Years R, 1 and 2. The dress rehearsal will be 17<sup>th</sup> December, and performances will be 9:30 on 18<sup>th</sup> December and 2pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**Tickets: IMPORTANT!** to buy tickets for the Christmas Performance, please write your **child's name and class on an envelope with the number of tickets you require and enclose the correct money. Please either post in red post box in office or give to class. Tickets will be returned to you via your child. Adult ticket £1.00 Child Ticket 50p. Thank you.**

3. **PTA meeting:** Thanks to those who attended the meeting today. Let's really help as a community to support our brilliant PTA members. Thank you! It creates fun events for children (and adults!), and raises valuable funds for our school's play equipment fundraising and other enriching projects.
4. **Christmas carols:** All children will be singing carols at 2:15 on 21<sup>st</sup> December- please come along!
5. **Hats and gloves:** Please ensure these are named so they don't get lost. Thank you.
6. Please read the attachments along with the school newsletter and the information on our consultation to make our 'PAN' 30 (the number of children in future we will take up to in Reception class). This will hopefully help to make it easier to make strategic decisions about class set ups over the next few years.

7. **Doodle Maths:** Doodle maths is a nationally proven and fun way of developing children's maths.  
Classes: Congratulations to Cherry, Willow and Maple who earned over 1500 stars this week!  
Individuals: The top ten doodlers were: Charlie B, Wasim, Leonor, Bobbi, Ishaq, Marley, Antonio, Jalisa, Chelsea and John T. Congratulations to all!
8. **Ice/ cold weather:** Please be careful when walking to school. We are very fortunate that Mr Kinver is on site to grit icy areas, but with such a vast site, please do take care when the weather is cold.

#### **Important school dates:**

- **13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Children's Christmas lunches**
- **14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas dress-up PTA event- dress in something Christmassy and EITHER bring a £1 donation OR cakes for the after school cake sale please, which is 3.30-4.30 in the Dining Hall. Thank you!**
- **20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Children's afternoon Christmas parties**

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend from Mr Stone and all at St Martin's Garden Primary.**