



South Failsworth Primary School

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Newsletter

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

A huge WELL DONE to all of the children in Foundation and Years 1 and 2 for their fantastic performances, 'Wriggly Nativity' and 'Baubles.' Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work which helped to make the shows such a success. Thank you also to our families for supporting the events and for contributing to the Christmas collections. I saw a poem this week which I loved and wanted to share – please see overleaf.

We are really looking forward to the Junior performances next week. We have spare tickets available for most of the shows, so please contact the school office if you would like some additional tickets.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club will be starting in January 2019 and bookings can now be made. Please contact the school office for more information. Places are filling up fast so please return your booking forms as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A reminder that children on packed lunches can have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 19th December. Please contact the office if you would like your child to receive a school meal on this day. Children in Years 3 to 6 will be charged £2.10.

FULL TIME NURSERY CHILDREN

A reminder to our families who have children in full time nursery – please ensure that you have validated your 30 hour code with the HMRC so that your funding is secure for January.

ATTENDANCE

The class with the highest attendance this week is Pankhurst in Year 6 with 99%.

Overall attendance this week is 88.73% which is extremely low and well below the national average. Overall attendance to date is 95.35%

Let's start 2019 with improved attendance. Please remember that holidays should **not** be taken in term time and will not be authorised.

Regular attendance at school is vital for your child to make the progress that they should.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We finish for Christmas on Thursday next week and return to school on Monday 7th January 2019. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Next term Friday's assemblies will continue at the same times, but the Junior assembly will be at 9 a.m. and the Infant assembly will take place at 3 p.m.



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The Star

She didn't have a speaking part
Because the words were tricky.
(Though was glad she wasn't Mary
Because Joseph's hands were sticky.)

She'd hoped to be an angel
Because angels point their toes.
But they'd offered her a shepherd
And she didn't like the clothes.

Now all the parts were given out
And she was just 'the crowd.'
As she faced the seas of mums and dads
Her little head was bowed.

Until she saw, right up the back,
Her parent's loving glance
That found her and stayed fixed on her
Through every song and dance.

Whilst one king whacked the others,
With his golden box of myrrh,
Her parent never peeped at them
Those eyes stayed fixed on her.

And even though poor Jesus fell,
When the manger somehow tipped.
And Gabriel danced a solo
That wasn't in the script.

Her parent just looked straight at her
Like no-one else was there.
It made her feel so wonderful
And she no longer cared.

That she didn't have a proper part
Which everybody 'ahhed'.
Because looking through her parents eyes
She would always be the star.

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