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Dear all,

Again, **AMAZING** efforts from everyone at SMGP. Thank you all so much! Around the school this week:

Reception class have been splitting numbers into groups, playing outside in new outdoor suits, and making Christmas decorations and cards. Year 1 have been exploring 3D shapes, Year 2 singing beautifully, Year 3 making Greek pots, Year 4 designing native American inspired photo frames, Year 5 designing slippers, Year 6 competing at tagtails, singing at the carol service and making origami. What amazing, creativity activities!

'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:

**Can you and your child name a country of the world for every letter in the alphabet?!**

**1. ATTENDANCE WINNERS: PINE CLASS! GREAT NEWS! GO FOR 100% IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE!**

- Well done choir! Firstly, a great effort to be on Heart FM this week on Wednesday (you can download the Heart App and relisten- it's on near the half hour mark every hour in the morning show), and also great to sing at Sainsbury's today.
- Christmas dinner: a big thank you to the kitchen and all staff who were involved in a successful lunchtime.
- Christmas dress up: Thank you for coming in and donations were gratefully received for PTA funding.
- PTA: A big thank you for selling cakes after school today, to help raise funds for outdoor equipment and also for helping to fund the KS1 nativity outfits- brand new this year!
- Performances next week: A reminder that dress rehearsal is next Monday for the KS1 nativity- they are doing brilliantly and a special thanks to all adults involved. Performances as you know are 9.30 Tues 18<sup>th</sup> and Wed 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.



**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.**

- Christmas carols:** All children will be singing carols at 2:15 on 21<sup>st</sup> December- please come along!
- Hats and gloves:** Please ensure these are named so they don't get lost. Thank you.
- Top ten Doodlers this week are: Bethanie, Marley, Charlie, Wasim, Leonor, Antonio, Bobbi, Maja M, Diego, Kai N.**  
**Top Doodling Classes are: Willow, Cherry and Maple.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to everyone - we can see it is making a difference to your learning in school - keep it up!**

**Please do encourage your children to do DoodleMaths at home - just ten minutes everyday will make a huge difference to their progress and understanding of maths.**

10. **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 other school dates:**

- **20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Children's afternoon Christmas parties**
- **21<sup>st</sup> Dec: Last day of term!**

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