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Friday 21st December 2018– Newsletter

FOBS Facebook Page- a message from FOBS

FOBS are really excited to announce that we now have a Friends of Bishopsteignton School Facebook page. It's the place to go for all the news and announcements and if you like the page you'll never miss a non-uniform or donation day again! We'll also be sharing local family friendly activities and events, so please tag us in anything you would like us to share. Don't forget to 'like' the page so you get all our posts.

You can find us here: <https://www.facebook.com/FOBSBishop/> or search Facebook for Friends of Bishopsteignton School. The page is public so please do share it with everyone you know. Thank you!

FOBS Christmas Fayre and Shop and Present Event

I must take this opportunity to mention our fantastic FOBS team for another very successful month of fundraising for our school. There was such a lovely atmosphere at the Christmas Fayre this year and more people than we have ever seen before attending. The Fayre raised £1745 which is more than ever before! We also saw a new event this year, as children were invited to come and look in the Christmas shop to find a present to wrap and take home for someone special. We have had some great feedback about this new idea that raised a further £327. Thank you so much to all involved! We will keep you posted as to how we spend the money to enrich the experiences of pupils in our school.

Mrs Rawlins says Goodbye

As you are aware, today is Mrs Rawlins' last day as she retires from teaching. Sarah has been with the school for 14 years. During her time, she has made a positive impact with so many pupils and families. She has also been a source of professional and emotional support for many members of staff and will be greatly missed. We are excited to see what is next in store for Sarah and wish her all the very best for the future! (She also lives very close to the school so we have already planned visits for cups of tea and a catch up!)

Christmas Performances and Celebrations

We have had a real variety of Christmas Performances and Celebration events over the last few weeks. The children have performed superbly and really enjoyed the opportunity to entertain their audiences. It is such an important part of the whole Christmas experience and we have been delighted that so many of you have been able to join us and take pride in what the children have achieved. As part of our

collections, we have also raised £139.60 for Rowcroft which was the charity our School Council have chosen to support this year and a further £126.07 that will be given to St Johns Church. Thank you for your generosity.

KS2 Christmas Choir

The Christmas Choir have been very busy this week! On Monday, they sang at the Cockhaven Arms for the members of the Memory Café. They then sang in the KS2 concert and perform twice more for the local residential homes today. This letter from Mary Hampston who is the co-coordinator of the Bishopsteignton Memory Café, shows the impact our children have on members of our community. We are very proud of feedback like this!

Would you please pass on our thanks to the head and to all those involved in the carol singing at our Memory Cafe yesterday. The children sang beautifully and were a delight to have. Our clients thoroughly enjoyed their visit and it was lovely to see some of them, who can be quite withdrawn, singing along to some of the songs that they obviously remembered from their younger days. It is amazing to see that although short term memory may be lacking there is little wrong with long term memory. The stimulation provided by the children unlocked deeply buried memories. The singing made a good start to Christmas and during our Christmas lunch that followed everyone was talking about how much they had enjoyed the children's visit. Our thanks to everyone and we wish you all a happy Christmas (and a well-deserved break!)

I would like to take this opportunity of behalf of the school to wish all of our families a happy and safe Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We will see you again on Tuesday 8th January for the start of the Spring Term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)**

FUTURE DATES

Monday 7th January 2019	Teachers back for a Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 8th January 2019	Pupils back for the start of the Spring Term 2019