



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday, 16th December 2016

Dear Parents,

What an amazing week we have had, beginning with the KS2 Carol Concert on Monday. This had choir recitals, solo piano performances and clarinets and African drums performing together. This set the tone for a celebratory week with the real message of Christ's arrival in our world at the core.



On Wednesday

the Nursery and Reception children performed a beautiful and energetic Nativity that got everyone ready for Christmas! On Thursday KS1 took us through a different, more humorous version of the story focusing on a very angry innkeeper and then to finish, today we have had a panto to keep the children smiling. This has been in addition to the party we had on Tuesday and the Christmas

dinner yesterday! I'd like to thank all of our community who have been able to come along and share in our celebrations and I'd especially like to thank all the school staff - it is a real team effort to organise and deliver a week like this and they have been magnificent!

Talking of 'community', St Luke's bid a sad farewell to Albert Edwards, 94, a long standing Canning Town resident, neighbour and friend to the school who passed away this month aged 94. Albert and his wife Mary regularly joined us for our community meals, coffee mornings and Christmas celebrations. Albert, an old soldier wounded in the Second World War, was an active member of the British Legion (and Mary continues to be), organising our poppies for Armistice Day. He will be sadly missed and we will continue to hold Mary in our prayers, particularly over this Christmas period.

On Monday the 19th, as well as our famous Christingle assembly @ 2.15 (parents welcome!), we are going to deliver the 35 Christmas boxes your extraordinary generosity has allowed us to make up. This act of generosity will help 35 elderly people in our area know that they are not alone this Christmas and is a perfect example of caring for others which follows the example of Jesus - well done!



School re-opens for children at **normal time on Thursday Jan. 5th** - and please note from this day that the breakfast club charge is going up to £2 per session - this is because we are opening it up to Reception children and that means we have to add an additional staff member. This is still very good value for money and I hope people understand the reasons for this.

From all at St Luke's, have a peaceful, joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Matt Hipperson

