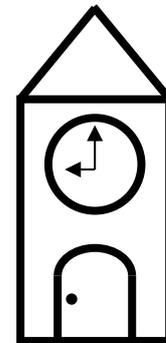


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FBPS END OF AUTUMN TERM ...

17th December 2019

What a fantastically busy term we have had in school. The festive season has been thoroughly celebrated and the weeks have flown by - only 8 more sleeps!!

Thank you for all of your support and fundraising at our events - the money raised is incredible!

- Together with Jack & Jill Playgroup we raised £130.00 for Children in Need
- On Christmas Elf Day donations for the Alzheimer's Society amounted to £140.50
- Entrance donations to performances of We Three Kings amounted to £140.00; we donated £70.00 from this amount to St Mark's Church
- The Christmas Fayre raised a grand total £325.85 - this will be used within school funds to provide further curriculum enrichment and enhancement for our pupils.

Attendance at our Christmas Story time event was brilliant. Our reading ambassadors and Miss Brown organised it to perfection, stories were shared, poem performed and hot chocolate and mince pies were enjoyed by all. Keep your eyes open for future events organised by our ambassadors in the New Year.

Yesterday we were visited by some very special visitors; Betsy and Buddy the Christmas Donkeys from Berryfields Equine Assisted Learning. A lovely treat for all of our children!

I would like to say congratulations to Mr and Mrs Wye on the safe arrival of their baby Max. I am sure that many of you have already had the opportunity to meet him. We look forward to lots more visits from Mrs Wye during her maternity leave.

It has certainly been an emotional end of term as we prepare to say goodbye to Janet Robinson. It has been a privilege to work alongside Janet and I have greatly valued her support since my appointment. We hope that she stays in touch but also makes the most of every precious moment with her family.

In January we will be joined by Faith Delve, our new Office Manager and look forward to welcoming her to our fantastic school.

You will have also noticed some new faces around school following the successful recruitment of three Teaching Assistants; Dominique Crawford, Chelsea Wright and Madison Brothwell are settling well into their roles and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

In April 2020, we will be saying goodbye to Kerri Griffin. Recruitment processes have already started to find an experienced and dynamic class teacher for Robins and fill the role of SENCo. Governors and Senior Leadership Team will be working together to ensure effective transition. In the meantime, Robins will continue to be taught by Kerri and I will be acting SENCo. Please do come and see me if you have any questions.

I would like to thank all of our families for their ongoing support. The year has flown by and we are excited to enter the new year with plans underway to launch Forest Schools (assuming the weather is kind to us) in the Spring Term.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year - see you all in 2020!

Sophie Foston
Headteacher