



BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Providing a rich,
stimulating & enjoyable
environment, where
children can begin their
learning journey &
prepare for adult life*



Message from Mrs Crolla



Mrs Crolla
Head Teacher

Our value for this term is: Respect

What a busy term it has been! The children have enjoyed so many exciting learning opportunities and it has been wonderful to see them share these with parents and the wider community. The nativity, Born in a Barn was an outstanding success. I know it brought many a tear to the eye.

My thanks to the nativity team and to FOBS for providing refreshments. Please do contact the office if you would like to purchase the DVD.

Goodbyes!

After 9 years, we are saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Suzy Rowe, who works in the office. Suzy has provided friendly and helpful advice to us all and we will miss her enormously. We wish her good luck in her new role.

Mrs Gemma Bibby is also leaving this week and we welcome Mrs Julia O'Reilly to work alongside Mrs Stokes.

News for Term 3

Please remember that there will be an Inset Day on Tuesday 3rd January then we look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4th. Next term is very short but it promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities; Elm Class continue with Forest School whilst Sycamore and Maple Classes participate in SkillForce Programmes.

I wish you a very restful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Helen Crolla **Headteacher**



Key Dates

- **13/12/16** - Christmas Lunch
- **15/12/16** - Christmas Parties pm
- **16/12/16** - Christmas Church Service 10am, End of Term 2 at 2.15pm
- **04/01/17** - Beginning of Term 3
- **10/02/17** – End of Term 3
- **20/02/17** – Beginning of Term 4



Other News

Values

As a church school, we welcome all families, whatever their religion or beliefs. We are required to establish a Christian distinctiveness and are inspected under the SIAMS criteria. In addition, the government require all schools to promote British values as part of the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical curriculum. All values contribute to a peaceful and caring society so are not exclusive.

Recently the school council have reviewed the termly values and worked with Governors, explaining their choice. The core values will now be:

Term 1: Understanding, Term 2: Peace, Term 3: Forgiveness

Term 4: Love, Term 5: Kindness, Term 6: Wisdom.

These will be represented in a logo designed by the winner of the competition Eve Jarman. Please look out for this around the school in the new year.

Sports News

After School Clubs, terms 3/4

You should all have received the timetable of clubs with details for each of them. Please make sure you have signed up and paid by the end of this term at the latest, preferably by Tuesday 13th December, so that we can check numbers and put together registers for each club.

Thank you to all the children for all their participation so far, and to parents for your support.

Have a lovely Christmas.

TANIA HADFIELD

Other News

WONDERFUL INFANT NATIVITY WOWS CROWD!

On the 5th of December, 3 classes performed a heart-warming production of the world famous Nativity.

The classes us in an amazingly brilliant and inspirational play. It was especially amusing for the audience, as it was full of humour.



The children's loud and clear voices echoed beautifully through the hall, impressing us all immensely. The effort put in from the teachers and the children really showed and it was lovely to see! Everyone enjoyed the performance including our wonderful visitors which were: The Evergreens, Benson Nursery and The School Governors.

We are already looking forward to next year's Nativity, I wonder if it will beat this year's performance, Born in a Barn. (It will be hard though!) **Written by: Molly B, Eve and Rosa.**



Fire and Ice Science Trip to Abingdon School

Children from Sycamore Class were able to enjoy the facilities at Abingdon School. They found this "amazing", "a fun way to learn" and "intriguing".

Thank you to Mrs Tanner for organising this exciting opportunity.





FoBS News

Wow, what a day, THANK YOU to everyone who set-up, came along, organised, ran a stall, baked a cake and helped to make the Christmas Fayre such a fantastic day. With your help we made a huge amount of money for the school (£2,300). Look out for updates in the new year on how this is going to be spent.

The FoBS team are delighted that the new play equipment is now installed and being used by the children. Seeing something big happen, that is the talk of the playground, makes all the time given to fundraising worthwhile.

Christmas is a very busy time for the FoBS team, in fact it feels like a rollercoaster of activity. We cannot thank you and your children enough for helping with all the activities and getting involved. Some of our Christmas activities take a long time to organise and we hope we can encourage more parents to give just a little bit of their time, next year, to help them run again. Often the activities that take the longest time to organise, but produce the least amount of profit, are the activities that the children love the most.

The Christmas shop opened on Friday. If your child has not participated before then prepare to be amazed at their excitement when they give you their special secret gift on the big day! Thank you to Susie Coleman for organising this huge task.

The Christmas disco was on Friday evening, the dancing highlight in every school child's diary. Don't forget to bring money for our raffle - 45 amazing prizes, as listed in the playground.

Lastly thank you to everyone who has helped with the Nativity teas, DVD production (there is still time to order a DVD but we cannot guarantee delivery before Christmas), Christmas cards, Christmas shop and the Christmas disco. A special thank you also to Mrs Tyroll and Mrs Rowe in the school office for all they do for FoBS every year. We are extremely grateful and couldn't have done it without you.

On behalf of the FoBS team we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a fun and happy 2017.

