



St Paul's School News

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The end of term is upon us! Christmas is always an exciting time at school with so much going on, and this Christmas season has been no different. Thank you for all your support in the run up to Christmas. Your assistance with costumes, learning lines, etc has been a huge help.

We look forward to seeing you next year, 2017. **Do remember that the first day of term is an Inset Day, so children start back on Wednesday 4th January.** In the meantime, on behalf of all the school staff I wish you all a safe, happy and rejuvenating Christmas break.

Our Christmas Celebrations

Our three Christmas celebrations have been truly wonderful this year. Our YR nativity was marvellous. We were stunned by the confidence with which YR took to the stage, recited their lines and sang their songs.

Our KS1 Christmas Celebration and KS2 Carol Service were once again held at St Paul's Church. Thank you to all who attended one of the services. They proved to be presentations of the highest calibre, clearly enjoyed by both children and parents/grandparents/great-grandparents alike. Y2 shared their nativity story, Hey Ewe, with excellent singing from both Y1 and Y2. The KS2 carol service featured many contributions, including Countdown to Christmas (presented by Y4), Y5/6 choir, Y6 readers, Rev Ruth and the massed ranks of KS2 singers (Ring Out You Christmas Bells and the awesome, multi-part harmony song Mince Pies).

Huge thanks must go to all the staff who helped prepare the children for these occasions as they are such wonderful memory-makers in the life of the school.



School Orchestra—Christmas Concert

Our Christmas celebrations began with another wonderful Christmas concert by the School Orchestra.

Once again Helen Wharmby and Zoe Eborn performed wonders with the orchestra, writing music and orchestral parts that allowed the children's abilities and enthusiasm to shine through and fill the school hall with festive joy.

The concert started with Rudolf The Red Nosed Reindeer, then continued with Good King Wenceslas, Christmas Is Coming and Hark the Herald Angels Sing. A final encore of Rudolf finished off the concert in a very jovial manner. Well done to all the children for a super concert.

Fund Raising this Term — Kids For Kids, Shelter and the Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has helped the school in its fundraising efforts for various local and national charities. In November we raised £239.75 for the Poppy Appeal. Earlier in December we raised £409.50 for Shelter, by wearing our slippers / socks to school. We also raised £796 for Kids For Kids at a number of recent school events. These are significant sums which will make a difference to many at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity.



Starting School in September 2017

If your child is due to start school in September 2017, you only have until 15 January 2017 to apply for a school place.

Applications should be made online at www.surreycc.gov.uk



Wish For the World Assembly

Yesterday we held a new Christmas assembly, our Wish For the World Assembly.

Each year group decided upon a Christmas wish that they wanted to share with the world. These were then hung onto our Christmas tree. Each year group also chose a Christmas song or carol for the whole school to sing.

The assembly was a meaningful way for all of us to look beyond 'me', and consider others (both near and far) who would benefit from a Christmas wish.

As a final challenge the children were told that wishes do come true, but it is up to each and every one of us to do our own little bit to help this happen : kind words, thoughtful deeds, a generous heart—keeping the spirit of Christmas alive all year round.

Here are the Christmas Wishes:

YR : Everyone to have a friend.

Y1 : Everyone to have a safe home.

Y2 : Everyone to be kind and peaceful.

Y3 : Everyone has enough food to eat.

Y4 : All the world to have fresh water.

Y5 : All school-age children to benefit from an education.

Y6 : Everyone who is homeless or a refugee from wars to be taken in so they can have a warm, happy Christmas. Also that the money raised for Kids For Kids will make a difference to those in need in Darfur, Sudan.

