



Friday 13th December



KS2 Christmas Concert - The Nutcracker



Full marks to the 'Five Gold Rings' section of the church on Wednesday evening! (...closely followed by the milkmaids.) However, it was the children in KS2 who were the real stars of the show. It was a wonderful, festive performance and they all did their very best. Year 6 led from the front with their acting, readings and singing. I hope parents, that you were as proud of them as I was. Year 5 produced some lovely dances and Year 4 sang and 'fought' in great style. The children in Year 3 completed the evening with their beautiful tableau, and reminded us all of the Christmas Story. There was also an amazing drum band.....KS2 teachers are just so talented! As always, the evening was a huge team effort with children, staff and parents working together – thank you to everyone for that. (I think I also need to apologise to Mr Matthews for playing the piano as he spoke!!).

I leave St Laurence's next week and, although I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life, I know I will also be very sad to leave the school that I have worked at for such a long time. It is a place where I have been very happy, and I have been very privileged to have taught all the children who have come into the school. It has also been fascinating to find out what the children go on to do as they move through secondary school and beyond. I now work with staff that I have taught, and teach children whose parents were in my class! (It makes me feel very old!!)

St Laurence's is a lovely school and the children who attend are given so many fabulous experiences as they go from nursery through to Year 6. I know that the school and pupils will continue to flourish in the future and look forward to reading about future events.

Kelvin's words at the end of Wednesday evening sent a message to us all about coming together as families and friends at Christmas; I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and a very happy and successful new year.

Kate Gilford

Carol Singing

Year 6 sang carols at the Mascall Centre on Tuesday morning to the Probus Society. Once again they did a great job. Yesterday the school received a cheque for £100 as a way of thanking the children for their entertainment. Thank you to the Probus society for being so generous.

Important - Parking

I would like to remind parents to be considerate when parking in Jockeyfield as we have had some complaints from residents about parents blocking driveways and also being abusive when challenged.

I would recommend parents use the Lower Galdeford car park when possible but if you have to use the Jockeyfield entrance please be considerate to the people who live there.

Mr Matthews

I'm sure that you all have enjoyed our Christmas performances, concerts and nativity plays, this week. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work in preparing our talented children so expertly and all of you for supporting us so well.

Mr Matthews



Congratulations and well done to **Oscar Reid in Year 6** who passed his violin exam recently with a distinction, getting 95/100.



Nursery - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Places

Reminder to parents – please don't forget to register for your child's school place, the cut off date is 15th January 2020.

30 Hours Funding

Any parents that are claiming for 30 hours nursery funding, please ensure that you have renewed your claim by 31st December to receive funding in the Spring term.



Thank you !

A huge thank you to our hard working dinner ladies who provided the whole school with a delicious Christmas dinner!



Reception & KS1 Party

Thursday 19th December, Reception and KS2 will be having a Christmas party in the afternoon, children can come in party clothes for the day.



Christmas Bauble Winners

Reception – Harrison Smith
Year 1 – Martin Yordanov
Year 2 – Alfie Radford
Year 3 – Freya Megrail
Year 4 – Josh Smart-Lynch
Year 5 Shaniece Badlan
Year 6 Oscar Reid

Special Mentions

Holly Lynch
Finley Smart
Blake Jones



KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Christmas Performance

An outstanding performance by KS1, so confident and clever. Thank you to all parents for helping your child learn lines and for providing costumes.

Mrs Compson-Lea

Reception Class

Wow, how amazing our Reception class were in our performance of The Bossy King. We were so proud of every single one of them, they have worked so hard and that shone through on the day. I am sure you will all agree that their singing was amazing and they all really did sing their hearts out. Every single one of them learnt lines and they were so clear, you could hear all of them. I am extremely proud of them all and had moments of tears in my eyes for all their hard work and making my job fun and getting us all in the festive spirit. Thank you Reception.

Mrs Caine

Pantomime – Wednesday 18th December

Year 1 – Year 6

Cinderella – Children should arrive back at approximately 5.30pm and will be dismissed from their classrooms.

Reception & Nursery

The Elves & The Shoemaker

Children should be back for normal home time at 3.30pm depending on traffic.

Parents will be kept updated via the school app & Facebook

ALL CHILDREN WILL REQUIRE A PACKED LUNCH FROM HOME (unless a packed lunch has been ordered from school)



Happy Birthday - December

Alfie Radford, Blake Faulkner, Joshua Smart-Lynch, Oscar Crippin, Oliver Willoughby, Finley Smart

