



21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

### Christmas Fair

Well done and thank you to Friends for making the joint Christmas Fair between school and church such a fantastic event. The event was incredibly well organised with such a great range of activities on offer. Thank you to everyone who came along, to those who donated tombola prizes at the non-uniform day last Friday and to all of the children who joined in with the Christmas singing on stage.

A total of £1600 was raised which will be split between the school and the church.

### Anti-bullying

As part of the national anti-bullying week, we have been talking to the children about what bullying means and how to deal with it if it does happen.

**This Friday** we will hold a parent assembly at **2.30pm** in the school hall where some of the children will share what they have learnt. There will also be a chance to hear what our anti-bullying policy says about this matter.

All children are invited to wear odd socks or brightly coloured tights on Friday as part of Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun. It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.

Children from Eagles and Golden Eagles classes will be travelling to Hawkesbury for a drama presentation from local organisation Unique Voice <https://uniquevoice.org/>

### Parent questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire at yesterday's parent teacher meetings. If you didn't manage to complete one there are spare copies available from the school office. We are not using the same questions as last year – these will be used again in February. Instead we are asking for parents' perspectives on the school partnership, the online payment system and after school childcare.

### Staffing

We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Carol Bush to the staff team as a teaching assistant. Mrs Bush will work in Kestrels class every Friday.

### Performances next week

Falcons class will be putting on two performances for parents next week. The first is on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30** and will be focused on the dance the children have been learning with Kenzi. The second is on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30** and will provide an opportunity for children to play the Ukulele which they have been learning this term. All parents of Falcons class are welcome to attend.

### Bag to School

Friends have organised a Bag to School collection on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**. There are plenty of bags left in the school office if you need any more to fill. Please leave your bags at the bottom of the hill up to school on Monday morning.

### Remembrance

The children led a memorable service at the church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. We were joined by children from North Road. As part of the service, the children made clay poppies engraved with the name of somebody who died at war.

### Football match

Well done to the players who made up the football team last Monday which played against Hawkesbury here at Iron Acton. This time the match was played by an all girls team who worked together incredibly well. The final score was 3-1 to Hawkesbury.

We hope to have a further sports opportunity this term and plenty more as the year progresses.

### Welly walk

Last Friday the whole school went on a welly walk around the village and surround fields. It was great to get the children out into the local area to appreciate the season of autumn as well as to continue to promote learning from the outdoors which we are very keen to see more of at Iron Acton.

### Christingle service

Each year the children are joined by members of the church for a morning of Christingle making in school. This year the children will go on to have their own Christingle service where they will light candles and remember that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World at Christmas time. This will take place on the morning of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The church Christingle service will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this family event.

### Year 6 maths challenge morning

This Monday our Year 6 children took part in a maths challenge morning with the Year 6 children Hawkesbury. Mrs Bagnall and Mr Williams led the children through a range of activities to inspire them mathematically whilst working with children from another school.

### Nativity services

Our Nativity services will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the church. Kestrels class will be leading the Nativity and all children will be needed at the service. As this is such a popular event, places will be limited to 4 per family each night.

There will be a dress rehearsal on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30. **If your child has pre-school siblings they will need to come to this event instead of the evening performances.**

More details will be provided nearer the time.

### Dates and events

Please take a look at the calendar section of our school website for all forthcoming dates and events.

<http://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/events/>

### School blog

For information about recent events please take a look at our school blog.

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