



Dear families and friends,

At this time of year, I am always so humbled to spend quality time with all of the children as they remind us what a special time of year this is. As a school, we have been preparing ourselves for God's greatest gift- Jesus. Through assemblies and Advent services, we understand the true meaning of Christmas. We still have so much to look forward to before we break up and I thank the PTFA for continuing to give their time so freely and for enabling us to watch Aladdin as a whole school! I am delighted with the school CD. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to themselves and learning about the recording process. Mr. Severyn and I have spent the past couple of weeks recording the children, editing songs and putting backing tracks together. We will be selling more of the CDs at the KS1 Nativity next week. Thank you to Mrs. Coupe, who has spent many an evening and weekend making the CDs and also to Beacon Class for creating the covers. We are very proud of all of our children.

As you are all aware, we recently had an OFSTED inspection. The inspector was full of praise and recognised what a wonderful school we have. I thank each and every one of you for the support you give to our school. We have such a strong vision for our school. Through working together, we can achieve the very best as a whole school community. Teachers and all staff continue to go above and beyond to ensure our children are happy, safe and are shaped by a rich and diverse curriculum. We wish you all a Holy and very Merry Christmas.



Fundraising News: Well done for raising £70.00 for Children in Need and £130.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support. We will let you know how much we raised for our 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for Harvest donations-Berry Lane food bank were very grateful for the food parcels.

Carol Singing at Bushell House:

On Thursday 8th December, Year 5 represented school brilliantly when they visited Bushell House Rest Home in Goosnargh. It was a pleasure to sing for the residents. The class also sang at a joint Advent Service at St. Antony's in Fulwood earlier on this month with twelve other Primary Schools.





St. Francis' Catholic Primary School

Pantomimes:

We thank Preston College students, who performed "Puss in Boots" for us. They were amazing and will certainly be welcomed back to perform for us next year! Our school trip to see Aladdin was brilliant. The children had a wonderful time. Thank you PTFA - we look forward to the Christmas Party you have organised for the children on Monday.

Please be reminded that all children can wear party clothes all day on Monday-no school uniform.



Steph Slater Paralympic Swimmer visits our school:

It was inspirational to meet Steph and hear about her incredible journey to the RIO Olympics. The children were in awe of her triumph over disability and even the Pre-School children were able to hold the gold and silver medals. Steph presented swimming certificates to children in Fairsnape Class and joined us for an assembly, where we watched her swimming in the Olympics. What a

very special treat. You can find pictures on our school website.

School Dinners:

In the new year, we will no longer be able to take money for school dinners in the school office. Please ensure that you log onto Parent Pay online payment service if your child has a school dinner. Many thanks.

Mini Carols Around the Tree:

Well done to Pre-School children for singing so well. It was a pleasure to invite parents and families into school to sing songs and to look at Learning Journeys! We break up for the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday at 1.30pm. We return to school on Monday 9th January. School term dates for 2017/18 are now available to view on our school website. Have a wonderful Christmas.

