

***** Ashton First School News*****

"Expect only the best"

Friday 16th December 2016

HEADLINES by Mrs Alison Peacey



What a Week! I feel as if my feet haven't touched the floor and am permanently covered with a thin film of glitter. Today was a perfect end to our celebrations with so many talented children and rousing singing from the whole school community.

Thank you very much for all of your cards presents and good wishes, I'm sorry I haven't had the chance to thank you all personally but it is really appreciated.



Carol Service and Nativity: What an amazing, inspiring, performance was put on by the whole school on Monday and Tuesday this week. I am sure you agree that the children did themselves and their teachers proud. We were just sorry that our plans to finish the evening performances outside in a tableau around the Imaginarium were scuppered by the weather. By putting on three performances we were able to perform to over 300

people and we have had very positive feedback from the audiences.



This week we also had our Christmas dinner and parties, with a visit from Father Christmas and a rather cheeky elf. We were able to share our Christmas excitement across the miles as we faceted Mrs Kirk in America and all sung for her. She wishes you all a very Merry Christmas.



Guide Dogs: Thank you all for your generosity in the retiring collection for our Christmas Celebration. We have been able to send £150 to Guide Dogs For the Blind. This week we also had a visit from Eric the guide dog in training who came, with Mrs Mead his puppy walker, to collect the milk bottle tops. We gave them a black bin bag that was 2/3 full and they were really pleased. We are going to continue collecting next term so don't forget to save the bottle tops. Eric is leaving Mrs Mead in January to be trained to work with his new owner but she is hoping to have a new puppy in March.

From St Barbaras: Thank you to all of the children and parents who attended the carol service on Thursday evening. The singing was greatly appreciated by the entire congregation. The collection for Caring hands Across The Vale raised £380 which will help local families in Evesham who do not have enough to eat over Christmas. A Very Happy Christmas from all at St Barbara's Church.



PFA NEWS: Save the date 4th February 2017, Ashton under Hill P.F.A. present SOMBREROS, an evening of fun, Mexican food and dancing. Tickets are now available priced £15 per head from Sally Guibert or Julie Birch. The price includes a welcome drink, chilli, a pudding and the opportunity to dance to Mrs Cole's band. All proceeds will go to the school.

Guitar: Lessons will recommence on 5th January

Dates for the Diary:

- Tuesday 3rd January TED day
- Week commencing 9th January clubs start

Have a wonderful Christmas from everyone at Ashton-under-Hill First School. See you in 2017



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