



## Headteacher Newsletter 7



Week Commencing: Monday 11th December 2017

Value of the Month: Joy

### Christmas Fayre

What a fantastic Christmas Fayre we had on Friday! The Fayre was well attended by many who enjoyed the traditional stalls and new stalls on offer. A very big thank you to all the parents who helped prepare for this annual event – collecting raffle prizes, attending planning meetings, setting up and helping on the night. We couldn't do it without you – thank you! Early figures indicate that we have raised over £700!

### Christingle

Thank you to those who attended Christingle at ISP Church on Sunday. This was a lovely service held by Reverend Ruth who spoke about the valuable work of the Children's Society. Those who attended were given a Christingle to light – the Church looked magical!

### Wriggly Nativity

For this event tomorrow, doors will be open at 1:15pm and 5:45pm. All children need to arrive at school, no later than 5:30pm to prepare. There will be raffle tickets on sale for £1 a strip and programmes for 50p. Festive refreshments will also be on offer.



### Star of the Week

Dolphin Class – Kieran Gilchrist  
Whale Class – Oliver Southward  
Shark Class – Millie Wooldridge

Well done children!  
Please hand yellow jumpers in at the end of the day on Friday to be washed.



### Reverse Advent Calendar

Thanks to those of you who have donated to our Reverse Advent Calendar. What a brilliant idea from Mrs Saunders and great to see so many people supporting this! There is still time to add a food or toiletry item before the end of the week.

### Christmas Party

On Wednesday, we are holding our whole school Christmas Party. A reminder that this starts at 5:00pm and finishes at 6:30pm. Please ensure children are dropped off/picked up promptly, using the hall doors. The children should wear their party clothes. Food will be provided.

### Carol Service

On Friday, the last day of term, we will be holding a carol service at ISP Church. The service will be conducted by Reverend Ruth and will begin at 2:15pm. If you would like to supervise walking children to church, we will be setting off at 2:00pm. Once the service has finished, school will close for Christmas.

### The School Day

8:45-8:55	Door Open
8:55	Registration
9:00	Collective Worship
9:15	Session 1
10:15	Break
10:30	Session 2
11:00	Session 3
11:55	Lunch EY
12:00	Lunch KS1
12:10	Lunch KS2
1:00	Session 4
2:00	Break (EY/KS1 only)
2:00	Session 5
2:15	Session 5 for EY/KS1
3:15	Home time

### ISP Treat

On Thursday, we are taking the whole school to Winter Wonderland at the Safari Zoo. Thank you to those who have offered lifts to the venue. The children will need to wrap up warm with scarfs, gloves and hats. A reminder that children should bring wellies to school, in a named carrier bag, to put on once they are at the Safari Zoo. Please be waiting in the carpark at 4:00pm to collect your child/children. Any children attended After School Club with Miss Ritchie will be taken back to school.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, the last day of term, we are supporting Christmas Jumper Day 2017 in aid of Save the Children. Please send your child/children into school wearing normal school uniform (trousers, skirts, shoes) with a Christmas jumper. We are asking for £1 from everyone to raise money for this worthy Charity. Thank you!



### Dates for your diary...

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December ~ Extra-curricular clubs will not take place this week.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas performance, 1:30pm and 6:00pm.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Lunch

Whole School Christmas Party – 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ ISP Christmas Surprise – 1:00pm-4:00pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Jumper Day, £1.

Carols at St Peter's Church, 2:15pm.

School closes for Christmas – no after school club.

**SCHOOL REOPENS ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.**



### Final words....

With regards to staffing in school, Mrs Rigby and Miss Johnson will be leaving us at Christmas. Miss Johnson can no longer continue her Sports Apprenticeship with us due to moving down south. Miss Abbi Morrison has been appointed as the new Sports Apprentice, through Lancashire FA, and is looking forward to joining the ISP team in January.

After successful interviews last week, we have appointed Mrs Julie Doherty to take over the position of Office Administrator from Mrs Irving who leaves us on Friday. Mrs Doherty will work every morning and as a qualified Senior Teaching Assistant, will also take on the role of Midday Supervisor. Everyone within the School community will miss Mrs Irving and her bubbly personality. On behalf of children, parents, staff and governors, I would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs Irving for all her hard work and dedication she has shown during her time with us. Mrs Irving has been a great support to many, myself included as I began my journey into headship. We wish Mrs Irving the very best for her future at Dalton St Mary's and hope she will keep in touch.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support for the school. ISP certainly is going from strength to strength. I feel privileged to be Headteacher of a school with such wonderful children, supportive parents and dedicated staff. I hope you all enjoy a happy and peaceful Christmas break, spent with loved ones.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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