

Foundation Stage 2- Newsletter 5

End of Term Christmas Fun!

We've finally made it to the last day of the children's first full term in school and what a wonderful few weeks it has been! Despite the bugs that seem to have done the rounds for the last few weeks, we have managed to squeeze in so much fun and the whole school has been a real hive of festive celebration!

Who could forget our Winter performance to both the whole school and parents at the church? The children worked so hard learning the lines and actions to our songs and poems and it was really wonderful to share it with our whole school community. We always see the children really grow in confidence in the lead up to Christmas and our performance is a big contributing factor to this. It takes such bravery to perform in front of an audience and we hope you agree, they all did a fantastic job!



The children also loved our trip to the Corn Exchange to watch '**Jack and the Beanstalk**'. They particularly enjoyed booing the baddie and being treated to ice creams at the interval! This was some of the children's first experience of a live performance at the theatre and it was wonderful to see them on the edge of their seats, completely enthralled by the story and action.



A day after our trip to the Corn Exchange and we were treated to yet another performance, this time by the children in Key Stage 1 who performed the Nativity story, again to the whole school. The Foundation children loved spotting their siblings and friends in the performance and it was great for them to see the type of thing they will be involved with next year.



Of course, it wouldn't be Christmas in school without crafting, creating and making, and the children have been busy with all three! They have loved making Christmas cards, crafting calendars and decorations and creating ice decorations. They even made their own Christmas food treats! All of these activities have helped with a whole host of fine motor skills including cutting, spreading, threading, painting and drawing.



Through all of our Christmas fun, we have of course continued to develop both the children's mathematical and phonic knowledge, along with providing lots of opportunities for them to develop as writers, talkers and movers. They have shared experiences from home through Show and Tell, written letters to Santa and continued with Drawing Club, retelling and exploring the story of 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson - always one of the children's favourites!



Finally, this week we had our wonderful Christmas Party and to top it all off, we even had a visit from Father Christmas! What a way to end the term!



We would like to say a HUGE thank you for all the support you have given both your children and the school throughout the term. Without your invaluable help, we would not be able to provide so many of the opportunities the children have enjoyed.

We wish you all a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

With Festive Wishes

From The Winchcombe FS2 Team

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