



## Christmas craft day

On Thursday we had a Christmas craft day and ran a variety of workshops for the children to get creative, including wreath making, Christingles and decorations.



## Pantomime

On Monday we will be heading to Northcott theatre to watch Jack and the beanstalk. Please make sure your child brings in a packed lunch and that they are in full uniform.

## Big breakfast

Before we head off in our pantomime trip, we will be having our big breakfast, time is going to be tight as we will be leaving on the bus shortly after 9am. So please make sure that if you have booked your child in for the breakfast they arrive positively early, if your child catches the bus to school they will still have chance to grab a bite. School will be open from 8.15 for breakfast.

## Celebration assembly



### Learning Leaves

Class 1 – All  
Class 2 – All  
Class 3 – All

### House Points

Class – 1  
House – Lowman  
Champion – James

### Reading Raffle

Class 1 – Elliott  
Class 2 – Ellie  
Class 3 – Alice

### Football trophies

Awarded to Arthur & Louis

### Piano certificate

Awarded to Evelyn





## PTFA Fundraising

Bag2School has been booked to do a clothes and shoe collection from school at the end of January 2019. They collect good quality second hand clothing, shoes, soft toys etc and give us money for it. Therefore we are asking for donation of any of these items. If you are thinking of having a good clear out over the coming months, please can you put any of these items to one side and bring them into school when requested in January.

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags and bags
- Hats
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Socks and Lingerie
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household Curtains
- Household Towels
- Household Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

The more we can collect the more we can raise for our funds. Wishing you all a great Christmas and all the best for the coming year.

## Christmas Fair

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped with the Christmas fair. People put in a lot of work before, during and after the fair and that help made a massive difference. Thank you to all of you who baked cakes, organised or manned stalls, donated items, came to the fair, set up and cleared up and all the other amazing ways in which you contributed. What a wonderful team effort it was. A special thank you goes to Ioni Drake for her fantastic effort with the raffle, organising the singing and getting all the mince pies from Sainsbury's for us. Of course the star of the evening was Father Christmas and we would like to thank him for coming to Rackenfords at such a busy time of year. From all that hard work, we were able to make an amazing £942.35 for our funds.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Ellie Denno

## Christmas party

On the last day of term, Wednesday 19th December, we will be having our school Christmas party together with the Little Angels children and staff. This will run from 4pm – 6pm and all are welcome to join. There will be face painting and Christmas craft and activities available for the children to do.

Santa will also be arriving at the party so we ask if you could please provide a present under £5, wrapped and clearly labelled for your child for Santa to give to them. We also ask if you could bring some snacks to share, this could include fruit, cakes, crisps etc.

## Lost property

We have quite a few items that have found their way to the lost property box, if you believe your child may have misplaced some items of clothing then please do come and take a look, this will be kept near the entrance of the hall.

We also have some old style school uniform left for sale, items are £3 each, if you are interested in buying some then please ask Michaela at the office.

Football Club with Chris Webster will start again on a Thursday lunchtime in January. Places are allocated on first come first serve basis so if your child would like to join, please return your form, with payment to the office by Wednesday 9th January.





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## Diary Dates



**17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Pantomime

**18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas dinner

**19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day of Term  
Christmas party & non uniform day

**7<sup>th</sup> January**  
Back to school

## End of term snapshots

Today your child will be coming home with their snapshot for the Autumn term. This is a brief report showing their progress and their behaviour of learning. Parents evening will be at the end of January. Letters about this will go out at the start of the new term.

Today in assembly, some of the piano students gave us a performance to show how well they are doing in their lessons. They were both amazing. Well done Evelyn and Isabella!



## Mindfulness

*"The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence. When mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers."*

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## Christmas Wreath Making

Last night we had a wonderful evening making Christmas wreaths with Rosie Ames. It was a lovely evening and there were some beautiful wreaths made. We would like to thank Rosie for giving up her time to show us the techniques and the ideas for creating our own wreaths.

We would also like to thank Ellie Denno and Helen Hyland for organising the evening. Also to everyone that supported it to make it such a lovely event. We have been able to make some profit on the evening but there has not been enough time to tot up the total yet.

Merry Christmas x

