



STOCKPORT GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9 DECEMBER 2011

From the Head

Dear Parents

The Foundation Stage Nativity was, as always, wonderful. Our youngest children do so well to remember all they have to do. We are looking forward to the Infant Christmas production and next week's Junior Carol Service at St. George's Church.

Thank you very much for supporting the SPA Christmas Fair last Saturday. I am very grateful to the SPA officers and many parents who made it such a successful occasion.

Presents under the Christmas Tree

We are, as usual, collecting presents to be distributed to needy children in Stockport by the Salvation Army. If

you would like your child to bring in a gift to put under the tree in reception, please wrap up a suitable toy or game (in good condition) and attach a label indicating if it is for a boy or girl and the appropriate age range. The presents will be collected by the Salvation Army on the last day of term.

Christmas Post

There are two Christmas post boxes in reception; one for infants and one for juniors. Please remind the children, if they are posting cards to their friends in school, to make sure the recipient's name and class are clearly written on the envelope.



End of Term Spring Term

A reminder that the Autumn Term ends at 3.30 p.m. next Friday, 16 December. The new term starts on **Thursday, 5 January 2012.**

I wish you and your family a restful Christmas.

Infant Nativities

A Christmas Recipe

It was a wonderful experience to see the dress rehearsal of the Year 1 and Year 2 nativity play. There were many insights into the true meaning of Christmas as the Secret Recipe's ingredients were revealed. The children were beautifully costumed and the magic and concentration that they experienced as they sang, danced and played were very evident in their faces. The singing of Away in a Manger brought back many memories of Nativities past and also a tear to the eye. Christmas is truly on its way. Congratulations to all staff involved in whatever



capacity - their efforts (and maybe frustrations along the journey) have resulted in a production which will give the children and their families the memories I still have twenty years on.

Mrs D Flint

Shine Star, Shine

Meanwhile, the Nursery and Reception children have been performing their own nativity:

Mary and Joseph were on their way to Bethlehem but the big star had lost his sparkle. With a little help from the Nursery and Reception children he eventually did shine brightly and everyone found their way to see Baby Jesus, even if one of the sheep fell asleep on the way! Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who came to watch Shine Star, Shine and to the children for making it such a wonderful Nativity to watch.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs C Hampson

Primary Maths Challenge

The following children received awards for their efforts in the Primary Maths Challenge:

Gold
Samuel Stretton
Fern Nicholson
Joseph Rooney

Silver
Scott Phillips
Umar Niaz
Lydia Walker

Bronze
Ben Thorley
Gwen Rayworth
Kitty Taylor
Maya Medagoda
Jenson Cullen
Alice Kirker
Dora Barlow
Nitin Devanathan

The following Year 5s should also be commended for their efforts...

Andrew Corcoran
James Nichols
Phoebe Micklefield
Zak Sebouai

And for Parents - A Maths Challenge (taken from the paper):

Question 21

Gurpreet starts reading a book on page 1. She is about to start Chapter 7, which begins on page 49, when her mother calls her down to supper. What is the average number of pages per chapter in her book so far?

Question 25

Matthew wishes to choose his four-digit padlock code so that it is a multiple of 4 and each digit after the first is one more than the previous digit. What is the code he chooses?

The answers can be found at the bottom of this page.



Junior Carol Service

St. George's Church

Wednesday, 14 December at 7.00 p.m.

We hope you are able to join us for this year's Carol Service. All our junior pupils (Years 3 - 6) are expected to attend the Service at St. George's Church, which is on Buxton Road (A6), about ten minutes' walk from school.

SGS History

This week Year 5 pupils have been studying the history of our school. Each pupil made an observational drawing of a significant part of our school and used these to find out more about Stockport Grammar School. Important artefacts studied included the coat of arms of both Edmund Shaa and the company of Goldsmiths.

Sophie fell and Amber Sihan from 5J enjoyed the experience: "It was great fun because I like drawing and we got to study to school crest and learn what the school motto means: he who endures succeeds."

Mr M Johnson

Uniform

We politely request that all uniform, including coats, hats, scarves, etc. is named clearly. It is very difficult to reunite these items with the children if they are unnamed, particularly if left in the Dining Hall at lunch time or at the swimming pool.

In addition, parents are reminded to name ALL items of sports kit. Returning lost property to its rightful owner is extremely difficult if items are not clearly named.

Mr Milnes

Mr Taylor

Fantasy Football

Mr Taylor is extremely excited about being top of the staff leaderboard for the month of November as he has never been top before although he is sure he will be out of the Champions League places by Christmas! Other leaders for this month

are: Y3 - Mason Dace; Y4 - Ciaran Morgan; Y5 - Archie Tittle and Ben Thorley; Y6 - Joseph Rooney.

Mr Nichols leads the Parent league.

Mr A Taylor

Results

Football

U10A v. Altrincham 0-1 lost
U10B v. Altrincham 2-8 lost
U10C v. Altrincham 1-3 lost
U10A v. King's Macc. 1-1 drew
U10B v. King's Macc. 1-1 drew

Hockey

U10A v. Cheadle Hulme 1-0 won
U10B v. Cheadle Hulme 0-5 lost

The Weeks Ahead

Monday 12 December			
Tuesday 13 December	Christmas Party	Year 3 & 4	1.10—3.30 p.m.
Wednesday 14 December	Carol Concert Rehearsal at St. George's House Netball in Sports Hall	Years 3-6	1.00—3.30 p.m. 3.30—4.30 p.m. 7.00—8.30 p.m.
Thursday 15 December	Theatre Trip Christmas Party	Nursery-Year 6 Nursery-Year 2	1.00—3.30 p.m.
Friday 16 December	Christmas Party Autumn Term ends	Years 5 & 6	9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. 3.30 p.m.

Monday 2 January			
Tuesday 3 January			
Wednesday 4 January			
Thursday 5 January	Spring Term commences		
Friday 6 January	Hockey v. Arnold (H) Football v. Arnold (H)	U11A & B U11A & B	1.30—2.45 p.m. 1.30—2.45 p.m.