



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

**"Working Together, Learning for Life"**



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## FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGE ONE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

### VERY WELL DONE!

Thank you to all the families that joined us for our wonderful Christmas performances this week.

This year, our Foundation Stage performed 'Our Christmas Story' and our Key Stage One classes performed 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast'.

As always, it was an absolute pleasure to see the

children perform with such enthusiasm, excitement and enjoyment.

Every single child played their part beautifully and we are so very proud of each and every one of them. We were delighted by the marvellous narrators, amazing actors and sensational singers in each of the classes.

The performances were made all the more special by so many families joining us to share this magical time and to offer superb support and encouragement to the children.

**Very well done to all of our children, we are very proud of you all!**

**A HUGE thank you also to all the staff who have worked so hard to make each performance such a great success!**

Thank you for your continued support.



## SAINT ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

A huge well done to Lola in Year 1 who we are delighted to announce is the very proud winner of the Saint Andrew's Church Christmas card competition. Lola's wonderful design of a Christmas angel was selected as the winner from the entries from all the schools in the area. Congratulations Lola, we are very proud of you and your wonderful artwork.

## THE RAINFOREST ROADSHOW VISITS YEAR 4

Very well done to our Year 4 biologists, explorers and anthropologists who enjoyed a very special visit from Dave from the Rainforest Roadshow to enrich their learning about rainforests. The children were fascinated as the tropical rainforest was brought to life in front of their eyes. They marvelled at the tarantula, millipede, moth, beetle and scorpion, examined tribal artefacts and found out a wide range of interesting facts about the way of life of the people who make the rainforest their home.

The children learnt to make traditional tribal jewellery and had their faces or arms painted in the tribal patterns of the Amazon. They found the day utterly fascinating, showed a superb attitude to their learning and were inspired by the real life tales of Dave's travels through the rainforest.

Well done to our Year 4 ~ we are very proud of your interest and passion for learning!



## THE NATIVITY ON WHEELS VISITS NURSERY AND RECEPTION

Our Nursery and Reception children were delighted to welcome the Nativity on Wheels to school last Tuesday. The children were really excited to share the Christmas story, dress up in Nativity costumes and meet the animals. They had a wonderful time meeting the chickens and the turkey. They then had an opportunity to handle the sheep, meet the donkey and stroke the pet rat. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and showed great interest and enthusiasm.

We are extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Families may wish to visit the 'gallery' section of our website to see more fabulous photographs of this special visit.



## KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Families are warmly invited to join us for Christmas songs and carols on **WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER at 9.10am in the school hall.**

We hope that you will join us to celebrate the coming of Christmas.

Please note that there will be a collection for School Fund after the performance. All money raised will be used for providing additional resources for the children of our school.

We look forward to seeing you!





**WINTER FETE  
AFTER SCHOOL TODAY!**

Many thanks to everyone who has sent in items for the different stalls arranged for our Winter Fete. Please join us after school today for heaps of festive fun and games!  
We look forward to seeing you all.




**NON-UNIFORM CHARITY FUNDRAISER**  
We are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform (including Christmas jumpers) on **TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER and THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER.**  
We would request that each child makes a small donation towards our charity, Save the Children.  
We look forward to seeing everyone in their winter woollies to celebrate the coming of Christmas and to raise money for less fortunate children all over the world.  
Please note that on **Monday 12th December**, children are invited to come to school in their party clothes.  
Thank you for your continued support.



**CHRISTMAS PE ENRICHMENT DAY**  
On Tuesday 13th December, the whole school will be taking part in a special PE enrichment visit from Progressive Sports. The children will be playing Glow Dodgeball with festive music, lights and costumes. We would be most grateful if you could ensure that your child brings their trainers or black pumps to school along with their water bottle. Also, please remove earrings for health and safety purposes.  
Thank you for your continued support.

**NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER — OUR THANKS**  
Very well done to all the children who took part in our non-uniform fundraising event on 2nd December to raise money for additional resources for our school.  
We have raised a super total of £157.00 and would like to thank all of the children that have taken part.  
Thank you for your continued support!



**HELPING ANGELS PRESENT  
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**  
Helping Angels present Jack and the Beanstalk at the Indi Club, Sneyd Green. Tickets are now on sale for an action-packed, fun-filled Christmas pantomime taking place on Tuesday 13th December at 6pm and Saturday 17th December at 12pm. Please contact The Indi Club for more information.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!**  
Letters have been sent home containing details of Christmas Party arrangements for **Monday 12th December.** Children are invited to come to school in their party clothes. Any queries, please ask your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help.  
Thank you for your continued support.



**FILM NIGHT**  
Today is the last day to book a place for our fabulous film night which takes place next Wednesday. We will be showing Arthur Christmas (2011 U rated) in our school hall from the end of school until 5pm.  
The cost is £3 which includes a drink and popcorn. Please see the school office if you would like to book a place.  
Letters were sent out last week.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- ♦ Friday 9th December ~ Winter Fete after school
- ♦ Monday 12th December ~ Whole School Party Day (come to school in party clothes)
- ♦ Tuesday 13th December ~ PE Enrichment Day - Glow Dodgeball (Christmas jumper or non-uniform, please bring pumps or trainers)
- ♦ Wednesday 14th December ~ Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration at 9.10am (Christmas jumper day)
- ♦ Wednesday 14th December ~ Film Night from 3pm to 5pm
- ♦ Thursday 15th December ~ Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumper or non-uniform)
- ♦ Thursday 15th December ~ School closes for end of Autumn Term 2022
- ♦ Tuesday 3rd January ~ School opens for Spring Term 2023
- ♦ Friday 17th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 27th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Friday 31st March ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2023
- ♦ Monday 17th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2023
- ♦ Monday 1st May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ♦ **Monday 8th May ~ BANK HOLIDAY**
- ♦ **Tuesday 9th May 2023 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ♦ Friday 26th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ♦ Monday 5th June ~ School opens for pupils
- ♦ Friday 21st July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2023
- ♦ **Monday 24th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ♦ **Tuesday 25th July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

