



# ALL SAINTS' PRIMARY SCHOOL, ELSTON

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18 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the Autumn Term and what a fun filled one it has been! The children have been really enthused by their learning journey activities, we have seen Greek dancing, wartime evacuees, the making of woodland creatures and nature walks all related to their learning and, as is always the case, some of the home learning projects completed by the children were amazing.

The children in Owls had lots of fun on their residential trip and surprised themselves with what they were able to do and the fears they were able to overcome. The site of them arriving back to school on Friday will stay with me forever – I am not sure I have ever seen such an exhausted looking class of children!

Elston's Got Talent was another success with even more children taking part in the heats than last year. The deserving winner was Miss Zara Clark who sang a solo from the Disney film Tangled. All acts were incredible and it is always a joy to see them stand on stage with such confidence. Well done to everyone who took part – especially Hayley Wright as she didn't even know she was going to!

The children in our Ladybirds and Hedgehogs classes were fantastic during their Nativity performance. In front of a packed audience they didn't miss a beat when the music was inadvertently cut off, they sang their little socks off and showed what brilliant professionals they are. There were tears of joy, happiness and pride on the night, along with lots of smiles and laughter.

## **Spare clothes**

Sometimes some of our younger children have a little accident at school that necessitates a change of clothes – could we please ask that you return any of the spare underwear or uniform that your child may have arrived home in. Currently our stocks are low particularly in the knickers and pants department! If you could have a check and return anything to Mrs Gane it would be most appreciated – thank you.

## **Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Fair and particularly to our Parent Support Group who organised everything. You all helped raise £1264.25 and this goes towards enhancing the learning the learning opportunities for all children within the school. Thank you so much.

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### **School Disco**

The disco was a resounding success with many of our youngest children having a fabulous time – their air guitar playing was a sight to behold! Thanks again go to the Parent Support Group for organising this - £222.30 was raised and lots of moves were busted!

### **Christmas/Winter Jumper Day**

Christmas Jumper Day was a success and all of the children (and staff) looked very festive and £81.60 was raised for Save the Children – thank you very much.

### **Christmas Party Lunch**

Children will be having their Christmas Party Lunch on Friday and if they would like to wear festive headgear for the party they can do. Normal school uniform should still be worn on Friday.

### **Carol Service**

The Carol Service will begin at 2.00pm on Friday afternoon in the Church. It is usually very well attended but we always manage to fit everybody in, you may not have a seat but that won't detract from the fabulous singing you will hear! The children have been learning the Carols and the sounds that they are making are quite wonderful!

After the service we will take the children back to school and, if you would like to collect them early, we will send them out to you in the usual way. We will not allow any of our older children to walk home alone before school finishes at 3.05pm.

On behalf of the children, staff and governors I would like to wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas and hope that you get to spend time with the people you love most.

*Lisa Richmond*

**Lisa Richmond – Head Teacher**

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