



Holy Trinity & Little Marlow CE Schools

Executive Headteacher Newsletter

December 2016



Dear Parents,

I can't believe we're only a week and a half away from the Christmas break! It only seems a very short while ago that I was meeting you all at the gate in September.

It's been an incredibly busy last few weeks at both schools, with much festive excitement. Thank you everyone for all your support at both schools' recent Christmas events—it's been great to see so many of you joining our celebrations.

Holy Trinity Christmas Carol Services

What two wonderful Holy Trinity Carol Services we had this week at All Saints Church. The Year 4 and 5 children did the school proud with some beautiful singing and accompanying them we had a great orchestra and some brilliant Year 6 readers—well done all of you!

I hope that all of you who came along enjoyed the evening—it was lovely to see so many of you and clearly a testament to both school and this special service that we had a full congregation on both evenings.

I would like to thank again all the staff who were involved in the two performances. There is a huge amount of hard work and organisation that goes on behind the scenes to coordinate the two evenings and we are incredibly grateful to all those that worked hard to ensure the services were a success. I would like to particularly thank Mrs Naylor and Mrs Turnbull who led our orchestra, Mrs Tarrier who managed the ticket allocations for the performances and Mr Seymour who has done a magnificent job with our choir—thank you all so much.

Finally thanks too to those of you who kindly made donations to support our collection for The Mustard Seed. We are able to present them with a cheque for £593.20 to support their weekly evening for homeless and vulnerable housed guests.



Little Marlow Oak Class 'Baby Jesus' Nativity

Another two fantastic performances this week! Well done to all our Little Marlow Reception class children who put on a wonderful show for us today and yesterday.

The children looked fabulous in their costumes and sang beautifully—well done all of you.

Again my thanks go to all the staff who prepared the children for their performances and to all of you who came along to join us. I hope you enjoyed it.

Year 4 at Ufton Court

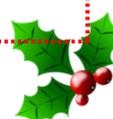
Year 4 have certainly had a busy few weeks; not only were they performing in our Carol Service this week, but last week they spent two days away at Ufton Court. The children had a wonderful time and it was lovely seeing them so animated and enthusiastic about their learning while way from home in a real life context. I hear the highlight was the fabulous Tudor Banquet with the children all dressed up and taking part in the Tudor dancing!

Our huge thanks go to all the staff who gave up their own time to accompany the children on the trip; these activities couldn't take place without such dedicated staff - thank you all.

St John The Baptist Church, Little Marlow - Christingle Service

It was lovely seeing so many of you at the Christingle Service two weeks ago. It was a great service and so nice to see some of our Year 2 pupils reading the prayers they had written in class during the service too.

Thank you to all of you who came along—we hope you enjoyed it.



The Mayor's Charity Christmas Concert

Well done to all our choir singers who took part in the Mayor's Charity Concert at All Saints Church on Saturday.

It was another great performance and provided an ideal opportunity for the children to practise their singing before our Year 4 and 5 Carol Service. I think the children certainly enjoyed singing alongside the church choir and the Ascot Brass Band—what a wonderful sound!

Thank you to all of you who joined us and to Martin Seymour again who organised the event.



Still to come!

It has been busy recently but we have still more exciting Christmas events at both schools:

- ◆ Please come and join us at the Holy Trinity Christmas Bazaar tomorrow, 11.00—2.00. I'm sure it will be a fun and festive event which we hope will raise lots for the school again.
- ◆ The Year 1 and Year 2 children at Little Marlow are performing their nativity—'Whoops a Daisy Angel' on Tuesday 13th at 10.00am and Wednesday 14th at 6.00pm in St John The Baptist Church. We wish them all the very best and hope again that many of you will be able to join us.
- ◆ On Tuesday evening, 13th December, it is the Holy Trinity PTA pantomime night at the Wycombe Swan; I hope all those of you going have a wonderful fun evening.
- ◆ On Thursday 15th, all our Little Marlow children are off to 'The Elves and The Shoemaker' pantomime at Norden Farm. My thanks to the Little Marlow PTA who have contributed to the cost of this exciting trip—I'm sure the children will thoroughly enjoy it.
- ◆ It's a busy day on Friday 16th, it's Christmas Jumper day at both schools, but at Holy Trinity too, it's Hot Chocolate morning, Doughnut day and the children's disco in the evening!
- ◆ On Monday 19th the Year 1 and 2 Little Marlow children are watching the Holy Trinity Year 3 Christingle dress rehearsal at 10.00 together with the Y3 parents and then later that afternoon, it's Christmas Parties at both schools.
- ◆ And finally it's the Year 3 Christingle service at Holy Trinity at 10.00am on Tuesday 20th December.
- ◆ Please can I remind you that we break up on Tuesday 20th December for the Christmas break. The children finish at 1.15 at Little Marlow and 1.30 at Holy Trinity.

Autumn Term 2016 Diary Dates:

Holy Trinity

Sat 10th Dec	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Tues 13th Dec	PTA Panto Night
Fri 16th Dec	PTA Children's' Disco
Tues 20th Dec	1.30 Break Up for Christmas
Thurs 5th Jan	Return to School

Little Marlow

Tues 13th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Church Nativity 10.00
Wed 14th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Church Nativity 6.00
Thurs 15th Dec	Norden Farm trip
Tues 20th Dec	1.15 Break Up for Christmas
Thurs 5th Jan	Return to School

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank you all again for your support in my first term at the two schools. It's certainly been busy, but there have been some wonderful moments too.

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. I hope you all have a wonderful and enjoyable break.

Mr Butler
Executive Headteacher

"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Luke 2:10

