

Bures CEVC Primary School – Update for the Parish Councils - January 2024

Happy New Year !

The run up to Christmas was a very busy time for the staff and pupils.

Nativity

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children did a fabulous job of performing 'The Wiggly Nativity' in Church. The Year 2s worked really hard to ensure that they used their biggest loudest voices and every word could be heard. The Reception children made beautiful angels and stars. They did so well in getting up on stage - it is a daunting task! Year 1 were an adorable flock of sheep!

Carol Concert

On Thursday 14th in the evening, all of Key Stage 2 performed at the Church. There was a delightful selection of styles and a variety of performances, including solo piano, Glee Club, whole class performances with instruments and readings by Year 6. The children really took ownership of their performance and worked really well together for a very slick production. The Church was full and had a really special atmosphere. Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work in making this possible. Thank you also to all the parents for supporting children in learning lines and listening to songs (perhaps on repeat!) and also attending the events to make them really special.

Many children submitted entries for the Church Magazine Christmas Cover Competition which was judged by Daniel Whiffin. Grace (Y6) entered the Christmas Card Competition for all local primary schools in South Suffolk, run by James Cartlidge (MP), and was delighted to be commended as a Runner-Up.

Once again a very big thank you to the Probert Family, who kindly donated a Christmas Tree for the School Hall. The children had great fun decorating it ready for their celebrations. A big thank you also to the Large family and the Davis family for their donations to the Christmas School Lunch Fund. The target was reached and this was a suitably festive affair with napkins and crackers etc. We really appreciate everyone's generosity in order to make this happen.

Equally we have been overwhelmed with the generosity of the local community. We were able to take a huge pile of presents to the Salvation Army. It was so gratefully

received and will make a huge difference to the 254 children who the charity are supporting this Christmas. Thank you to Sophie, Tobias, Frankie and Eleanor who kindly helped to deliver the contributions. It is so wonderful that even in this tough current climate that people are so thoughtful.

To add to the excitement the PSA arranged a Christmas Disco for the children and it was wonderful to see so many children in such high spirits. The DJ certainly entertained them and everyone enjoyed the games and dance moves!

All classes made Christmas tree decorations for our tree in the Sudbury Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you to Mrs Baker for organising this - we have had feedback, commenting on how wonderful it looked.

Finally, and to cap it all, the whole school went to see Sleeping Beauty in Colchester (Oh yes they did !) and had a great time with some dreadful jokes to share with their families upon their return.

Sadly, after Christmas, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Fairley, Mrs Platt and Mrs Fox. They are all off to explore new adventures. I am grateful for their hard work, caring nature and support to the whole school since they started here. Their impact will be long lasting. We will miss them greatly but we wish them all lots of luck.

Before Christmas we had a local authority officer visit to audit the parking situation. He has spoken to some individuals and wanted the School to raise the importance of obeying rules of the road and being considerate to each other, particularly our neighbours. He said that he had witnessed some actions that a fine could be issued for. Mrs Harris, in turn, shared some of our challenges and he will feed this back. Mrs Harris reminded all parents that they should not be parking, or pulling up, on the yellow zig zags outside school.

We do still have spaces available in our current Reception Class. So if you know of anyone who is looking for a place for their child or children, please contact the School Office. Also, we are on the look out for volunteers to hear children read. Again, please contact the School Office if you can assist in this way.

Thank you for taking an interest in our School.

Kind regards,

Tim Fairbairn
Chair of Governors
6/1/24