

## Bures Primary CEVC School and Nursery

### Update for the Parish Councils – January 2020

Prior to the onset of the Christmas festivities, Year Six had the opportunity to take part in a mock trial as part of the Suffolk Junior Schools Mock Trial Competition. Mrs Holmes worked hard with her class to rehearse the script in readiness for their opportunity to show their skills in front of Judge Overbury and an Usher from the Ipswich Crown Court. The trial of Lucy Lyre was a tense one requiring the jurors to listen carefully to a range of evidence before deciding on their verdict. Mrs Holmes and Ms Slater were really proud of all the children who behaved beautifully, asking the judge some interesting questions and taking the opportunity to learn all they could about the justice system.

And then we moved into the festive season itself. Staff and children worked hard to make decorations for the 'Partridge in a Pear Tree' themed Christmas tree which was on display at the annual Rotary Christmas Tree Festival in St. Peter's in Sudbury.

The Key Stage 2 children entertained us at their Carol Concert in St. Mary's Church. It was great to see the enthusiasm and talent displayed by the children in whatever part they played. Year Four showed just how much they have learnt in one short term of playing the Ukulele. Ms Foster's recorder and glockenspiel groups played tunefully and confidently despite their nerves. The large and eager choir made Mrs Baker proud and it was great to hear Year Five singing in English and German. The Year Three dance was a delight and the Kings travelled up the central aisle gracefully and regally. Members of Year Six showed their growing maturity in their last Carol Service in Bures through their carefully spoken poem and "belter" of a classic Christmas song. Many thanks are due to Ms Foster and the staff team for the hard work they put into making the service such an enjoyable event, along with all at St. Mary's who make the School so welcome and support us in so many different ways.

Then came the turn of the Nursery children who gave us their version of the Christmas Story. The costumes were amazing and the children, who sang quietly at first, soon got into their stride. Many thanks to the staff and children who made the performance so special.

Then, to cap it all off, again in a packed church, the Reception and Key Stage 1 children gave us "A Miracle in the Town". It was clear that all the children enjoyed the opportunity to have their moment of fame on the stage. The narrators spoke with lovely clear voices and everyone sang with enthusiasm and gusto. The children looked great in their costumes, thanks to all the hard work from home. Again a big thank you to all the staff involved who made sure everything was rehearsed and ready in time for us all to enjoy.

In true Dickensian Christmas style, whilst the children were gearing up for Christmas, the Governors reviewed the Homework Policy; bah humbug I hear you cry!! But the focus on read, read and read again remains and hopefully that is something we have all had opportunity to enjoy over the Christmas break.

The closing date for Nursery and Reception Applications is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Reception applications should be made to Suffolk and Essex County Council, depending where you live. Nursery applications are made directly to the School.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and all best wishes for 2020.

Tim Fairbairn  
Chair of Governors