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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with a special Advent worship for the whole school with Reverend Shirley Danby. We now have an advent candle to light each day and a special advent prayer for each week in the countdown to Christmas.

There is a real sense of festivity within the school. Our infant children are busy rehearsing for their special nativity which they will perform next week. Classes 5 and 6 have been having Christmas Craft afternoons to make some wonderful Christmas craft items involving some very skilled sewing! The juniors have been singing away preparing their Christmas songs for our final service on the last day of term. Years 3 and 4 have been exploring the real meaning of Christmas and Christmas symbols and I spotted some super gingerbread scented, sparkly playdough modelling happening in Class R along with some great writing and an exciting word hunt outside! Alongside all of this festivity, classes are still working super hard with their Maths and English and I have been seeing some super examples of maths and pieces of writing across the school, with a real sense of enthusiasm.

### **Pocket Money Stalls**

Another superb effort by our FoAKS team and array of helpers as they planned and provided another excellent event for our school. The children all left with incredibly smiley faces, the afternoon ran super smoothly and it was fantastic to see the children deciding which gifts they would like to purchase, very thoughtful indeed. The younger children were well supported by their Buddies, which was excellent. A special thank you to Kim Olden who managed to source some of the most unusual and incredibly exciting presents for the children, a massive thank you to all who helped make it run so smoothly and those who came as 'present wrapping fairies' to get all of the children's gifts wrapped for them. The bags of wrapped gift will be delivered to classrooms on Monday morning ready to come home with the children on Monday afternoon. Thank you, we really are a lucky school.



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### **Choir**

Our choir will be performing at the Holy Cross Christmas Bazaar tomorrow, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm if you would like to pop along and have a listen. I am sure the bazaar itself will be excellent and very festive.

### **Christingle**

On Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, at the Holy Cross Church, please be reminded that there will be a Christingle service at 4pm and everyone is very welcome. I shall be going and I am hoping some of the children will be there to help me sing 'This Little Light of Mine' a rather upbeat version, along with the Christingle song. I do hope I get to see some of you there on this special occasion. If not, please don't forget our Carol service in the church on the afternoon of the final day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, you can join us as we walk to church or meet us there. We have worked closely with Reverend Shirley Danby to plan a beautiful service which fully involves our children.

### **AK's Got Talent (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9-11am)**

I am very happy for children to bring in a change of clothes for their act if they would like to. They will need to change back into their school uniforms afterwards.

### **Nativity**

We really value your feedback. We would like to capture some of your thoughts on paper so we can share them with our children and staff and display them within our school books. Therefore, I will arrange for a some feedback slips to be left at the back of the room for after the production should you be happy to take a couple of minutes to give us some written feedback. We really appreciate your support.

### **Head lice**

These are unfortunately regular visitors to all primary schools. I fully appreciate how frustrating and uncomfortable this can be, especially if you are treating regularly and they



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are still reoccurring. . Please can we, as a whole school team, work together to check our children's hair over the Christmas holidays, treat children as necessary (there are chemical & non chemical methods), so that we can try to enter into the new Year head lice free. A useful website [http://www.chc.org/homedir/parent\\_info.cfm](http://www.chc.org/homedir/parent_info.cfm):

Class Assembly and Hero and Heroine dates for Terms 3 and 4 for you to join us:

Assembly	Date
Class 5 Assembly to parents and carers	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 9.10 start
Class 1 Assembly to parents and carers	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 9.10 start
Heroes and Heroines Term 3	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 9am start
Heroes and Heroines Term 4	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 9am start
Summer reminder: Year 6 KS2 SATs Test Week	11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> May 2015

As these two terms are quite short, I have put Heroes and Heroines at the end of each term- these will be golden Headteacher merits as well as class and lunchtime merits.

I am really looking forward to the final couple of festive weeks here at AK. The enjoyment on the children's faces each day is priceless.

Yours sincerely,

*S.L.Saville*

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher