

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

19th December 2018



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see everyone in the All Saints Church Service this morning and to revisit the Christmas story through the children's narration and singing. We forgot to tell Reverend Hugh that we took the story from 'Open the Book', which he uses when he does his Tuesday collective worships with us. We thought it was nice that we could give him and Reverend Elisabeth a special edition performance! The Christmas nativity performances and church service are a wonderful end to our first term of this school year and show what children and staff achieve together. It has been a great term all round and everyone - children, staff and parents - can be very proud of all their hard work, enjoying a timely rest until we return in January.

The children enjoyed their party day yesterday, looking fabulous in their outfits. Thank you for all of the food contributions and to parents for helping in the afternoon. We had special visitors returning – Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Jarrett – playing the piano and cello for the children while they had their afternoon treats. It was lovely to hear the children singing along to some Christmas favourites such as 'Away in a Manger' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'.

Thank you so much to everyone who has run and supported PTA-run events this term. So far these events have raised an amazing £4,510.29:

Quiz Night	£260
Christmas Fair	£1989.45
Lantern Parade Stall	£445
Sweatshirts / Artwork	£554.09
Movie Night	£84.80
Uniform Sales	£275.90
Easy Fundraising	284.05
Nativity Raffle	£617 (if you have not already done so, please speak with the office regarding prize collection.)

Today children are bringing home information about our Rainbow Reading Competition. This is an idea that the children came up with to raise money for their chosen charity, Rainbow Trust. All you need to do is take a photo of your child reading a book in an unusual place and send it in with £2 to take part in the competition. It would be very helpful if printed photos can be sent in with captions rather than photos by email please. We are hoping that all children and staff will take part and we will make a big display of all the pictures and captions, having fun while raising money. The last date for entries is Friday 11th January. We have a visitor from Rainbow Trust coming in January to talk to the children about how their charity helps to support families of sick children.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you very much for our Christmas gifts and cards. We hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 3rd January 2019!

Best Wishes
Mrs Hutt



DIARY DATES

Thursday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term Football club starts
Friday 4 th January	Multisports starts

GATE DUTY w/c 3rd January Parents of:

(8.40 – 9.00am)

Thursday 3 rd January	L McCallum
Friday 4 th Jan	I Moon



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players

The Frog Prince

Directed by
Jamie McLean

Written by
Andrew O'Leary



Thur 10th, Fri 11th & Sat 12th January
at 7:30 pm. Matinee on Saturday 12th at 2.30 pm.

Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive, KT11 2LU
Tickets £10 each
(£9 if 10+ bought at same time for same show).

Tickets from Cobham Bookshop: 12a Anyards Road, Cobham.

 **Tel no : 01932 862903**
Online Booking and more information at www.cobhamplayers.org.uk

An amateur production By arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts Sponsored by The RC Sherriff Trust

CHRISTMAS AT OCKHAM & DOWNSIDE

All are welcome to our services:

Carol Service 4pm, Sunday 16th December, All Saints', Ockham

Carols by candlelight for all the family with the choir. Please arrive in good time to ensure a seat!

Carol singing around the village Tuesday 18th December Ockham village

Meet at the Parish Rooms at 5.45 to leave at 6pm. How far we go will depend on weather and numbers. Do come and join us. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Further info: Jenny Milligan: 01483 225073

Crib Service 4pm, Christmas Eve, St Michael's Chapel, Downside

For children 0-6, who help lead this as we tell the Christmas story. Come early as it often gets wonderfully crowded.

Further info: Revd Elisabeth Burke: 01932 863886

Christmas Eve Carols 5pm, Christmas Eve, St Michael's Chapel, Downside

For older children and adults too. Further info: Revd Elisabeth Burke: 01932 863886

Midnight Mass 11pm, Christmas Eve, All Saints', Ockham

A candlelit communion service, the ideal way to start Christmas. Come early as it often gets crowded.

Christmas Day Communion 9am, St Michael's Chapel, Downside

Christmas Day Family Service 10.30am, All Saints', Ockham

A short Christmas service for all the family

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