



15th December 2011 Newsletter

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A Happy Christmas to you all, from everyone at Bowdon Church School.

BCS in the Community – Charity Collections

The whole school community has shown a superb commitment to our charity fund raising this term and a total of £4,600 has been raised. The recent collections from the Nativities raised £500 for MacMillan Nurses! We will therefore not be collecting next Wednesday and the children may wear non-uniform as a reward for their wonderful community spirit.



Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Carol Service such an outstanding success. The singers from the BBC said that our children were exceptional. Sasha Johnson-Manning (composer/conductor) has said that we are a 'Singing School' – an accolade not awarded to many schools in the country. Apart from the wonderful sound, the fantastic readers, glockenspiel players and

tableau, the charming 'meeters and greeters' and the incredible standard; the feature that was commented on most was the children's enthusiasm, their full involvement and their enchanting faces. We were very proud of them all.

The mass tea party with games between services at the Parish Centre was really successful and great fun. Everyone had a good time and we would like to thank St. Mary's and particularly Mr. Sudworth for making this possible.

Niamh in Y5 said, "the Carol Service this year was such fun. I felt privileged to have been taught by Sasha, who is such an amazing singer. It was incredible to be accompanied by such superb singers and musicians. I couldn't believe that I was singing the Manchester Carols with the composer. I loved performing and I will definitely never forget it."

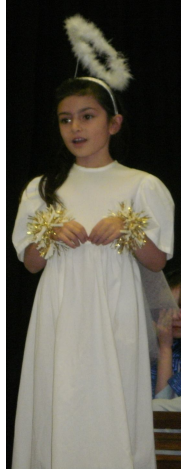
Maddie, Georgia and Grace added, "it was a fabulous night with the children putting all their effort into both performances. With Sasha Johnson-Manning conducting and Mrs Martin playing the flute, it was a very professional production. The BBC singers did a tremendous performance and the musicians were fantastic - we don't think they hit a wrong note!"

Thank you to Mrs Sixsmith for her lovely photographs (featured in this newsletter). A church representative took several photographs around church too and so we should have a full record of everyone who took part.

School website: www.bowdoncs.org.uk



Upper Junior Choir - There was no time to relax for the Upper Junior Choir, as they had another booking yesterday, to sing for the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch at the Parish Centre. Fortunately Sasha was able to accompany the singing and the children sang and behaved beautifully. I was so proud of the way that they confidently interacted with the guests and clearly made the occasion even more special for them.



Severe Traffic problems - I forgot to mention last week that on Tuesday 6th December there were some severe traffic delays and that this has been taken into account in terms of registration. On this occasion, children who arrived between 8.50am and 9am were not marked late.

Surprise Visitor! - The infants were thrilled to see a surprise visitor at their Christmas Party today. Father Christmas arrived with his helpers and gave everyone a chocolate bar.

Guitar Assemblies - We are looking forward to the Christmas Guitar Assemblies on Monday. The first group will be performing in the Junior assembly at 9.05am and the second group at 9.40am in the Infant assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.



Term Dates for 2012-13 - The governing body have now approved the term dates for next year and these are attached. Unfortunately now that several of the secondary schools are academies, they have selected different weeks for holidays, particularly at half term. The governors know that this makes things difficult for parents who have children in other schools when it comes to booking holidays. Please consult the absence in term time policy on the reverse of the request form if you are having difficulty with this. Your child's overall attendance over the current year and the previous year are taken into account when decisions are made about absence requests, as are special circumstances.

School Activities - No school clubs are running from now until the end of term, other than those provided by S.I.S. – Mr Lewis and his team. Mrs Starbuck is bringing in the Cre8 creations for collection on Tuesday.

Past Pupil News - Thank you to Mr Stewart who wrote to let us know that past pupil, Sam Fairbrother was absolutely superb in the combined Grammar school performance (AGGS and ABGS) of Twelfth Night. I am sure that there were plenty of other past pupils also involved in this production. I believe that Sam has achieved a place at Oxford University to study English next year and so double congratulations go to him!

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Last minute Christmas shopping ?

Please don't forget to use the wonderful spend and raise website, so far we have raised **£153.95** for the PTA.

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