



HEADTEACHER NEWS LETTER

Friday 21st December

*'O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid every strife and sorrow cease
and fill the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee o Israel'*

Our term is drawing to a close and we have enjoyed a wealth of Christmas activities over the past few weeks. Our staff have worked tirelessly to make sure that all the events ran smoothly and successfully for pupils and their families.

Year 2 and Reception classes delighted families and friends with four traditional nativity performances. The celebratory atmosphere in the hall was palpable – costumes had been carefully prepared and pupils worked hard to remember their lines – spoken and sung – to tell the greatest story of all time. Teachers were on hand to coax our more reluctant performers, steady nerves and dry a few tears (pupils' only!).

Nursery also hosted a beautiful Nativity Presentation as we can see from the photo below:



The Christmas pantomime shows of Cinderella were greeted with hoots of laughter and delight and great fun was had by all ('oh yes it was!'). Harrison's did not disappoint and prepared a tasty traditional Christmas lunch- pupils were served by staff and PTA parents. Thanks to all volunteers – we couldn't have done it without you!



Pupils enjoyed Christmas discos and shows thanks to our PTA who worked tirelessly to plan, fund and supervise these additional events. We had a very special visitor – ho, ho, ho! - who visited all classes delivering gifts. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Frank Fruzza for maintaining St. Gregory's hotline with Santa for over 23 years!

The **school choir** visited St. David's Home and Chestnut Lodge for caroling with senior members of our community who always greatly enjoy our visits. Thank you to Mrs. Stanier, Mrs. Dupuy and Mr. Gristwood for leading and organizing.

At the annual **Carol Service at Ealing Abbey** every Junior class performed beautifully and singing filled the air against a backdrop of our traditional nativity tableau. Our thanks go to Mr. Gristwood and Mrs. Dupuy for preparing this event and to Mr. Brown who kindly agreed to be our concert pianist for the day.

We also said farewell to Florencia Casaccio whose Breakfast and After-School Club provided a happy, welcoming environment for hundreds of pupils over countless years! Florencia will be greatly missed by everyone. We wish her much deserved happiness and health for her retirement which is truly well earned!



**In closing, on behalf of all staff,
I wish pupils, their families and all the friends of our school a restful, holy Christmas.**

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 8th January

REMINDERS / NOTICES :

HOMEWORK - we have not set homework for the Christmas Holiday period. This is usually a busy time in all homes and pupils deserve a well earned break from school-based activities. We hope pupils will continue to cultivate their love of reading – books make the best gifts and the break provides a great opportunity to immerse ourselves in their world !

‘There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates’ loot on Treasure Island’ Walt Disney.

We have also attached a Christmas activity list which you may wish to dip into over the two week break.

Congratulations to our International Day Poster Competition Winners :

Year 1 Yassin Daoud – 1SO

Year 2 Elena Denezh – 3CD

Year 4 Eydan Fontana - 4MB

Year 5 Teddy Disson Meade - 5DA

Year 6 Leyla Fontana – 6MP

Bonus prize – Jack O’Meara - 5DA

DATA OUTCOMES (linked to league tables)

The school circulated an email on 19th December giving details of our statutory outcomes, an explanatory letter & post-ofsted action plan. These documents are also on the website for information.

