



Didn't they do well?

The 4 children who arranged the raffle and cake sale on Friday 30th November have raised an amazing £135. This money will be donated to Fair Trade to support the conditions that farmers and their families live in and to help ensure they receive a decent and fair wage for their work. More details of the charity can be found [here](#). A huge well done to the children – we are all super proud of you for feeling so “stirred-up” to organise this. Thank you to all the parents who both brought and bought cakes. Tickets for the raffle will also be sold at the Nativity Performances to help them raise a bit more.

Mission Statement

The school's new mission statement will be sent out next week along with the tweaked core values (see heart top, left for a sneak preview). Next term these will be thoroughly explored with the children so they have a deep understanding of the meaning behind it all and how it will look in their actions and those of others around them – including ours!

New website

The White Horse Federation have been working hard on developing a new website for us. The address is the same but please click [here](#) for a chance to see the new layout. It is still a work in progress and new content will be added over time but please have a look and if you have any comments then I can pass these back to the designers. (Also, if you spot any errors / links not working please let me know so I can get them fixed straight away.) It is certainly nice to have some more up-to-date pictures on there!

School Nativity

Rehearsals are under way for our Nativity performance which rounds up the work the school has done with commemorating 100 years since the Great War. Tickets (2 per family, per performance) will be sent home in the next week or two so do look out for them. If you have any that will be unused, please send them back into school so they can be re-issued.

End of term fun

Many thanks to FoSS for funding a performance of Robin Hood on Thursday 20th December. A touring theatre company will be in school on that morning and the children will be able to enjoy a live performance of this classic story. The following day will be Christmas dinner, Goldbook and Carols – please note the earlier start time of 2:15.

FoSS News

The Christmas Fair is on December 7th at 6:00 O'clock. Stacks of raffle prizes have been donated so make sure you have bought some tickets for your chance to win. If you are able to offer any help on the day, please contact Peter Kay or another member of FoSS or give us your details to pass on.



Christingle

Our annual Christingle service is on Thursday 6th December at 6:00 in Church. It is sincerely hoped that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. During singing lessons, the children have been learning songs to sing as part of the service and they sound amazing, so we really do need them to attend to lend their voices to the occasion.



Reverse advent calendar

You should all have received details of the Melksham Foodbank reverse advent calendar suggestion. A trolley is being put in reception for donations and attached is a suggested list of items (of course no one is going to turn a tin of tomatoes away when it is a packet of biscuits suggested for that day) but you might like to use the list along with your child, and get them to help pick some donations.



Christmas Shopping

I know many people do their shopping online, and if you use one of the 3000 retailers on Easyfundraising, you will help raise money for school funds, without it costing you anything extra. £61 has been raised in the last 30 days, and that is all without anyone having to spend any extra money. Click [here](#) to register.



Carol Singing

The school choir are very excited and feel privileged to have been invited to sing at Meadowsweet Retirement home in Melksham. On 13th December a happy band of carollers will be singing a range of traditional and modern songs for the residents. It will be lovely for the children to sing for a new audience and no doubt they will bring a large amount of Christmas cheer to the residents and staff there.

Lunch box reminder

I know, as we approach Christmas, there are more opportunities for sweets and chocolates to be in the house but please do refrain from adding these to school lunch boxes. We are seeing an increasing number of these items in lunchboxes and the consequences of the sugar rush are felt for the rest of the afternoon! Whilst we are not taking the step of formally checking lunchbox contents or removing items from lunch boxes, we will ask children to refrain from eating them until they get home.