

News from All Saints CE Primary School

January 2018

It was busy in the lead up to the Christmas break with the main event being the annual school performance. This year, children in years 1-6 performed Aladdin Trouble. There were many captivating performances and all children sung really well to raise the roof off the Village Hall. We certainly have some budding thespians in school as well – hopefully, we'll see them joining the panto society in a few years! Also in the lead up to Christmas, several children attended the Village Christmas Concert, kindly coming back in the evening to do so. Again, the children were brilliant and entertained the audience by singing 4 songs from Aladdin which turned out to be a great final practice as the concert fell on the evening before the first school performance for parents.

The term ended later for us than for some other local schools as we finished on 20th December. On the Tuesday (19th) we held our Carol/Nativity Service where our youngest children are the stars of the show as they re-created the nativity tableau. It was lovely to be singing traditional carols so close to Christmas although for most of the school, it came only one and a half school days after the final performance of Aladdin Trouble so it was very tricky for them to try and remember all the words for the carols. On the final day of term, we were treated to a delicious, cooked traditional Christmas lunch courtesy of the PTFA and were visited by Santa which rounded the term off nicely.

Other events have taken place over the term – year 6 have had some bikeability training to help them to be safe on the roads whilst year 5 and 6 were visited by Dr Usher from Colyton Grammar School in November. She ran a spectacular 'Mysterious Materials' session for the children where they were introduced to polymorph, ooblek and thermochromic ink to name a few. It was certainly an exciting Science morning which enriched the children's curriculum! Even our youngest children have been out and about – they went out into the community to visit Tesco and enjoyed doing so.

Class 2 have recently been studying the Great Fire of London and have completed an array of activities to help the children be inspired about their learning. This has included making wattle and daub, using tea to stain paper, writing with quills and making their own model pudding lane. Once the houses were constructed, the children then re-created the great fire by placing the houses together, setting fire to the first one and watching in amazement as the fire quickly spread from one to the next. This certainly provided a super stimulus for writing! The children were a safe distance away and water was on hand just incase!

On the sporting front, we've had some success at local inter school competitions; year 3 and 4 have taken part in a swimming gala, some children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have represented the school at a local cross country event in Stockland and other classes have taken part in sporting festivals that have been held at Axe Valley. One of our big sporting achievements since September has to be the fact that our year 3/4 boys cross country team made it through to the East Devon finals in November and won! This means they will now go through to the Devon finals which are being held in Paignton later this year.



This term looks a little quieter on the calendar but no doubt, it will also be as busy as the last one. We have some fantastic volunteers who come into school to read with children, share life experiences or share skills etc. All of these people help to enrich the experience for the children – if you feel you'd like to get involved or have something to offer the children, please do let us know as we'd love to hear from you!

Finally, everyone at All Saints CE Primary School would like to wish you a Happy New Year.