

Churchtown Christmas Chatter

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!



We have come to the end of another successful term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. Over the past 2 weeks we have been treated to a number of fabulous Christmas performances from Reception, Year 4 and Year 5. We have also had some lovely Christmas parties and other Christmas celebrations in and out of school and even though Santa is very busy he has managed to visit us to bring presents for the children - Thank you to everyone involved in organising these events. We would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Our very best wishes to you and your families.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas has been in full swing around school with Christmas parties and of course a very special visitor. Thank you to everyone for sending in party food and to the PTA for their contributions to classes.



Festive Flicks, Christmas Cards, Christmas Discos and Mufti Day

A huge **thank you** once again to the PTA committee and everyone who organised and helped with Christmas fundraising for the school. Thank you to all the families that have supported the school.

**TOGETHER WE RAISED A FANTASTIC
TOTAL OF £2,600**



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Have you downloaded our new communication app?

You must download our new communication app, it is the only way you will now receive information from school. Already this week we have sent out information about the Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 videos of their Christmas Performances. Make sure you aren't missing out!

A big thank you to all of the parents that have signed up to the new app, we hope that you like what you have seen so far. The app will become more active in the new year when we will be using it to send out all letters home, newsletters and parental correspondence. You can already use the app to report a child's absence and to update your contact details.

Please help us to get as many parents as possible signed up by telling other parents about it in your children's classes, if they say that they haven't had an invite please tell them to contact the school office.

This is some further information from the newsletter last week

We have now launched our brand-new app from Parentapps that will greatly improve the way we communicate with parents and carers. The app will provide you with instant access to our calendar, event information, photo galleries and class pages. It also will link directly to our website.

Additionally, you will be able to view and sign consent forms for trips and activities, receive secure documents, and report absences directly from within the app. It also enables us to invite multiple family members to download the app, ensuring that the right people have access to important information regarding your child.

The app is now being used to send out direct and group messages to parents as needed and has replaced our current text messaging service with teachers2parents, but you have to be signed up to receive them and any information from school.

Lastly, the app is fully secure and GDPR compliant and in order to access it you will need to be invited via email. Important – if you don't currently receive emails from school, please contact us so that we can add your email address to our records.

Please look for an email invitation from Parentapps with further instructions on downloading and accessing the application via either a smart phone or tablet.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Well done and huge thank you to Ms Rimmer, all the kitchen staff and Mrs Pursall and her team of Midday Supervisors for cooking, serving and supervising a super Christmas dinner for us all. We served a total of 600, meals and once again everyone commented that it was even better than last year's Christmas dinner, the food and service was excellent and the children displayed exceptional manners!



Carol Singing in the Local Community

The choir this year has been busy once again.

Thank you to Mr Pritchard, Mrs Cottrell, Mrs Smith, Miss Williamson and Mrs Pursall in making sure that the school has been an important part of the community at this special time of year.



Churchtown Christmas Lights
Byng House
Boxtree Cafe
(for Queenscourt Hospice)
Hatherlow House
The Rotary Carol Concert.



Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who donated towards the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. As a school we raised £317 and donated over 230 boxes to the appeal. The Rotary

Club are extremely grateful for the donations and shoeboxes which will be sent to Eastern Europe over Christmas and the New Year. A big thank you again to Mrs Williams in Year 1 for all the organisation and coordination.



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Fri 21st December



Break up for Christmas Holidays at 2pm

Mon 7th January



Tue 8th January



Rise and shine school starts at ten to nine