



# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018



### Merry Christmas

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.



### Carol Service

What a fabulous way to finish our Christmas celebrations. Fantastic performances from the children and the choir. Thank you to the teachers for creating such wonderful performances. Thanks to FOCs for the mulled cider and mince pies and to all the parents and family who came along.

### Community Concert

On Thursday morning, we welcomed people from our local community, the Leys and Hastings Home in Malvern to school to share some mulled wine and mince pies. The visitors were royally entertained by all the children with some Christmas songs and a small selection from the Young Voices Concert.



### League Tables and the Press

On Friday, Mr Greaves was interviewed by the *Malvern Gazette* and the *Worcester News* about our fabulous SATs results. We have posted the link to the website article on our Facebook and Twitter pages. We have been told that it should be in the papers today.

### After School Club Christmas Party

On Monday night, over 50 children attended the ASC Christmas Party, taking part in a range of games and silliness before enjoying party food. Thank you to Donna and Dale for organising this for the children



### Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday, 12 year 5/6 pupils went to John Masfield to compete alongside other schools for an athletics tournament. The events they participated in included; javelin, long jump, speed bounce, relay races and an obstacle course. There was a great atmosphere with all the children giving 100% in all the activities. We are delighted to say that we finished second.



### **Black Pepper Lunches Spring Booking**

We have been absolutely delighted by the quality and the increase in numbers of children that are having school dinners, so a big thank you to Mark and Dave for their fantastic service. The booking portal for Spring lunches opens on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

### **Christmas Lunch and Father Christmas Visit**

On Wednesday, we had a wonderful Christmas Lunch with all 112 children including Nursery, eating in the school hall together. We then welcomed a special visitor who arrived in style and was accompanied by a small four-legged friend. Thank you to FOCS for organising his visit.



### **Open the Book**

The last Autumn visit from the Open the Book team found Class 3 in the starring roles telling the story of the Nativity.



### **Inset Day**

A date for your 2019 diary: school will be closing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 12pm. Four local schools are joining together to allow all our staff to undertake training from an international expert in attachment disorders. We hope that this gives you enough notice to make alternative arrangements for that afternoon.

### **FOCS - Friends of Cradley School**

A date for your diaries: please join us for the next FOCS meeting on the first Friday of the new term (11<sup>th</sup> January) at The Red Lion Pub, 7.30pm. We are already booked in, so what a great opportunity to get together, and support the school and local landlords Viki and Steve at the same time! The school Disco will be fast approaching so the more the merrier, to lighten the load and make it fun to organise.

The Autumn term has certainly kept us all busy at FOCS and we're delighted to tell you that the Christmas Fair last week got a big thumbs-up from the children and raised over £600.

Grace Lyndon, our Chair, would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported the event. It's tricky to mention everyone, but there are special mentions for some key people: Mel and the team who made a fabulous grotto, and of course Santa who was great at his ho ho ho's; all those fabulous parents, grandparents and children for their time and dedication; to Roger and Dara Brett who put on a great spread to suit all dietary requirements; all the setter-uppers and closing-downers, who did such a fab job. A thank you also goes to Sarah Jeffries who did a lot of the organising in the last week after a meeting of just two attendees - Sarah was a blessing. Thank you to those who purchased goods at the last minute and wrapped them (some at unearthly hours), and to Judi and Jan of Cradley Village Hall committee who donated over 100 prizes for our lucky dip, which went down an absolute treat! For the artistic input on posters, signs and stall names (Bernie and Rich), the tombola ladies, mugs and sand stall, tattoos, face



painting, table decorations, tuck - your contribution is much appreciated. The new Santa's Secret Gift Shop went down very well, so thank you Daff and Zoe P for organising. Thank you also to Scott for the floats and breakdown of the money made. We could never do this alone. Thank you team! We hope everyone had a great time.

FOCS would like to thank Bonnie P and all those who arranged for Father Christmas to pop in to the school Christmas lunch. What a fantastic vehicle to be chauffeured in by Roger Brett!

Thank you too for all your donations of mince pies for the school Carol Service last night, and to all those who helped make this happen: Poppy, Gemma D and Richard. We'll let you know how much this raised once pennies have been counted.

Scott Rocca, our treasurer, has put together some headlines which show we have raised over £2000 so far this term, having committed just over £2000 to school for trips for this year. Please do ask if you would like further info.

Aside from the Christmas fair, our next biggest fund raiser this term has been the Christmas cards, making £343. It is also so good to be able to send the children's 'masterpieces' to friends and family this time of year. Well done children and a big thank you to Lucy Burton for her commitment to this cause; not forgetting all the school and FOCS helpers who are involved with this every year.

This term saw our first Apple Juicing project, which not only raised £269 but provided a fantastic experience for the children, school and community, from camaraderie while collecting apples, helping with the juicing process, to enjoying the finished product. So another giant thank you to Sally Clarke and Ms George and all their helpers.

Not forgetting our fantastic Winter Wonderland Wine Tasting, which really was great fun, and raised £234; the lottery has raised £223, Rags to Riches £170, the Red Lion pub quiz £61, Easy Fundraising £51 and Cradley Village Christmas Fete £48. So well done and thank you all on funds raised, experiences enjoyed, and great community involvement!

As we did not have a raffle at this year's fair, plans are afoot to incorporate one in the Spring term, so please do contact school if you know of any potential prize givers.

Please remember to use our Easyfundraising link when you are making purchases on line. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-cradleyschool/> as FOCS will receive a percentage of your costs at no extra cost to you.

We are looking for someone to help update the school newsletter for FOCS. It certainly wouldn't need to be as long as today's, and could be shared between a few willing volunteers. It would suit someone who likes to know what's going on (we didn't say nose!), can read through meeting notes/emails or talk to FOCS members and pick out things that need publicising (such as event dates, donations required, helpers needed), and find out how

events have gone. Please speak to Grace Lyndon or via school if you're interested. FOCS would like to thank Annie for covering this over the Autumn term - great stuff! Everything we do at FOCS is voluntary so we're grateful for any help, however big or small.

And finally...HAPPY CHRISTMAS from us all!

### Value of the Month      PEACE

A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, 'Wonderful Counsellor,' 'Mighty God,' 'Eternal Father,' 'Prince of Peace.'

Isaiah 9:6

Chosen by Mrs Eryl Copp (Chair of Governors)

### Dates for the Future

JANUARY	Hope
7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
8 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	Term Starts
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Swimming starts
18 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices Concert
30 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome 8:55am Cluster Trudge 9-11am @ JMHS

FEBRUARY	Love
1st	FOCs Disco
5 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair Arrives Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
8 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 12:00
12 <sup>th</sup>	Hockey Extravaganza
15 <sup>th</sup>	Break up
25 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
28 <sup>th</sup>	Net and Wall Extravaganza 11-1pm Pyramid Prom @ JMHS

