

**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parents / Carers,  
Wow! What a full term – we have been busy right up to the last minute!



**NATIVITY REFLECTIONS**

I hope that you all enjoyed seeing your children performing last week. I thought that each and every one of them was tremendous, making the shows spectacular and packed with memories for you to treasure. I never tire of watching your children venture out of their comfort zone and perform so confidently. Every year the teachers wonder whether they “can pull it off” again and every year the children do spectacularly well. I’m so proud of them all! I Hope you like this selection of pictures.



**SANTA RUN**

The children had a great time taking part in the Santa Run on Monday -they had so much energy giving it their very best shot!! The rain held off and we had plenty of parents lining the route for support. Don't forget to add your donations to our JustGiving page. Thank you for your support and well done to FOLS & Mr Tanner for such a fun run!





**CHRISTMAS DINNER** ... Was a great success, a delicious feast! There was a real buzz of excitement around the school as the staff provided a waitress service for all the children. Many thanks to Linda, and Shirley for "pulling out all the stops." Thanks also to FOLS who provided Santa Hats for all the children.



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** Everyone looked very festive yesterday, and we hope to raise some funds for Save the Children with our Christmas Jumper event – thanks everyone for your donations!

### **ANGEL DAY AT BUCKFAST ABBEY**

The children thoroughly enjoyed an imaginative retelling of the Christmas story, an angel craft workshop and 'Angel Trail' followed by a self-led interactive tour around the abbey. A lovely way to explore Christmas and all the joy it brings.







## SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

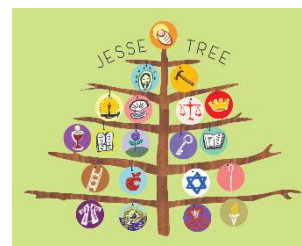
Attendance (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	98.3%
Class 1	98.5%
Class 2	96.3%
Class 3	99.6%
Class 4	99.4%
Well done to Class 3!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please, contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

## ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

We have spent the last two weeks exploring Advent and the children have been enjoying stories about the Jesse tree ~ a very old Christmas tradition first started in medieval times. The Jesse tree and specific ornaments are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story.



## FOLS – A message from Michelle

Wow what a busy term FOLS have had with 'Break the Rules' day, Bags2school collection, 'Fund Raisin' challenge, Christmas cards, Christmas Fair and the first 'Santa Run'. Thank you to everyone who has played any role in making these successful events, especially our lovely committee members Lisa, Katherine and Hayley who really do go above and beyond.

A big BIG thank you to everyone, for all of your support this last half term with the 'Fund Raisin' challenge, the 'Santa Run' and the Christmas Fair! These events just wouldn't happen without a great team effort, from people donating bottles / cakes and prizes to buying raffle tickets and running stalls for the Fair, you've all contributed in some way and I am very grateful. I am pleased to announce that we raised £107.05 for the 'Fund Raisin' challenge (well done class 3 for returning the most boxes) we hope you enjoyed your movie treat. £153 for the 'Santa Run' and a whooping £1430 for the raffle and Christmas Fair! This is such an amazing achievement especially in the current climate. These funds will help each of our children and the school enormously.

So I am delighted to say that the result of everyone's hard work is that FOLS has raised just over £2400 this term which is a fantastic achievement for a school the size of Landscope. £1315 of these funds have already gone back to school.



We already have some events in planning for the New Year. However, if anybody has any ideas for fundraising events or indeed any ideas with which our school could benefit from the funds raised, do please get in touch with us at [fols@outlook.com](mailto:fols@outlook.com)

Thank you once again and I hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year, from Michelle & the FOLS TEAM.

### A FOND FAREWELL

I would like to thank you all on behalf of Jenny Foster and Amanda Richardson for your lovely comments and gifts. We will have a leavers assembly for them tomorrow morning and I'm quite sure the children will make it one to remember! We wish both ladies the very best on the next chapter of their lives. They will of course always be Team Landscope to us!

### COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 1PM, END OF TERM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE IN ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH</b> We will have song sheets at the ready for a 1.00pm start. The service will end by 2:00pm ready for our traditional early finish for the end of term. Join us if you can – but be prepared for a bit of a squash and also be ready to join in! Best singing voices please! <b>2PM finish today</b>
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Staff training day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Children back to school

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support over the last term. It remains an immense privilege to be Headteacher of Landscope and work with this fantastic community. I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at the school to all of you. Let's hope for another great year for the school starting in January.

*Jill Ryder.*

## Carol Singing on the Green

Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5pm

Please come and join us for a winter BBQ at the village hall followed by Carol Singing on the Village Green.



If you have a lantern or torch please bring it and dress for a winter outdoor evening.

The evening will conclude back at the village hall with mulled wine, minced pies and good cheer!  
Cash donations will be gratefully received towards hall funds for the BBQ, Mulled Wine and Minced Pies.

