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After a busy but enjoyable autumn term when the children have all worked hard it is a pleasure to wish everybody a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

The Christmas productions are always the most heart-warming of events which reinforce for us all the true meaning of Christmas in a way that only young children can. Both 'A Miracle in Town' and the KS2 Carol Concert showcased the children's talents and provided a wonderful start to the Christmas festivities.

School re-opens to the children on **Wednesday** 4th January 2017



Star Pupils

Congratulations to the following children who received a "Star Pupil" award in Collective Worship today:

Ash— Eddie Watson-Hill

Holly—Issabella Watson-Hill

Maple—Grace Jackson

Larch— Amelia Boxhall

Chestnut— Jack Swaine

Cherry— Molly Rose Owen

Beech—Katie Lavender

Carols on the Common

The children have been practising a carol to perform at this event and we hope that you will be able to come and join in the celebrations on Sunday 18th December at 6pm at Baddesley Wheel.

Thank you!

A fantastic total of £516 was raised from the sale of tickets for Woodside's Christmas performances. £258 of this will be donated to the School Council's chosen charity for the year: the World Wildlife Foundation.

£88 was also raised from the sale of raffle tickets at the Christmas performances.



Reception's Trip to Conkers

Reception had a wonderful day at Conkers on Wednesday. We had lots of fun there learning all about robins in the wintertime. We also enjoyed the lovely winter sunshine and had a great time jumping in the puddles! The highlight of the trip was finding Father Christmas in his hut in the woods. It was magical!



Experience Christmas

What a wonderful afternoon we had on a journey all the way to Bethlehem. We met some Kings who were on their way too. We followed the shining stars and also met some shepherds who were travelling to see baby Jesus. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who gave up their time to contribute to this memorable tradition.



A Christmas Carol

On Wednesday 14th December Year 4, 5 & 6 visited the Albany Theatre in Coventry to watch Charles Dicken's 'A Christmas Carol'. The performance was truly amazing and the children were on the edge of their seat anticipating where the next spirit would appear from and what they would look like. As we have been looking at this classic novel over the past few weeks, it was a real treat to see it brought to life in such a fabulous way!

Here are some quotes from the children:

"I especially liked the singing near the end, particularly when a character called Martha sang on her own."

"I thought it was a really thoughtful production because the actors really got in to the role!"

"Breathtaking!"

"It was fascinating to watch the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come because of how big he was."

A Christmas Carol by Leyland Holmes

Picture the scene on Christmas Eve, during Victorian times, in the town of London. Imagine the snow, picturesque and crispy absorbing the pattern of footprints. Imagine the street lanterns, dominating and perusing the town, sketching a glowing pattern in the snow. Imagine the sash-windows, alabaster and shimmering, with glowing flames within.

This is where our story begins. Slashing the ink container with his stick, the tight fisted miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, glared at his clerk, whilst shouting "Bar humbug!" His nose, elongated with a bulging tip, like a strawberry, twitched at the smell of burning coal. His eyes, minute and crimson shot around the edge, glared at everything in disgust. His hair, silver tinged and lank, swayed in an unkempt style.

Cinderella

Last week, Years 1, 2 and 3 spent a very enjoyable morning at Bedworth Civic Hall watching a production of Cinderella. Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!

Particular highlights were an alternative version of The 12 Days of Christmas, where 5 gold rings were replaced by 5 toilet rolls, and when the two incredibly ugly sisters squirted the audience with water pistols. The children also enjoyed joining in with the inevitable chants of, "He's behind you!" It was a real treat to see real actors and props rather than something on a screen.



PTA Film Night

Over a hundred children enjoyed the PTA Film Night on Thursday and tucked in to hotdogs and popcorn after watching a Christmas film. £309 was raised for school funds.

Thank you to all the PTA members who worked so hard to make sure the evening was a success!

Cake Raffle

The Star Pupil Cake Raffle raised £91 today! This will go to buy extra curriculum resources for the classrooms. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets or donated cakes!