



## West Ashtead Primary School

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We have finally made it to the end of term. Many thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard for our children. The run up to Christmas has been very busy.

#### Christmas Productions

The Infants put on a magnificent performance of 'The Inn-spectors'. The singing and acting was top notch and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Ms O'Hanlon, Mrs Legg and Miss Clemson for all their patience and creativity in putting on this show. It is not an easy task and their efforts were rewarded. The Juniors also performed with great aplomb. The standard of singing was excellent and it was lovely to see so many children putting in effort and teamwork to create such a magnificent event. Mrs Barber thoroughly deserves all the praise. Thank you as well to the teachers and teaching assistants who gave up their evenings to enable our children to have this experience. Many thanks for your generosity with the retiring collections and for providing costumes.

#### Club Productions

This week the whole school have enjoyed a French Drama production. Congratulations to all the children who managed to act and perform in French – no mean feat! Thank you to Madame Obitz who directed. The Drama Club put on a brilliant Aladdin pantomime with all traditional features. The audience loved the booing and interaction. Many thanks to Miss Hopkins and Mr Woolford who directed and encouraged the children to take responsibility for the backdrops, music and lighting.

#### Infant Christmas Party

The Infants had a fabulous Christmas Party organised by Year 1 parents. It was enjoyed by all judging by the excited noise I could hear coming from the hall.

#### Year 6 Christmas Fair

The Year 6s held a very successful Christmas Fair. They designed, planned and equipped the stalls independently. Much thought had obviously gone into this as they managed to keep all ages of children entertained and motivated to spend money. The profits from this event will go towards their Leavers Day in July.

#### Christmas Day

As part of our Christmas Day, the Juniors went on a walk around the Exxon building and back via Ashtead Hospital. Thank you to Mrs Dyer for suggesting this new walk and the parents who accompanied us. The feedback from the children was very positive. The Infants went to the local playground for an extended play. We met back at school for Christmas lunch with table runners and candle decorations made by the children. We watched a film in the afternoon with some of our older children opting for sports activities with Sports Stars. All in all a very enjoyable Christmas Day.

Mrs De Almeida continues to be unwell and we keep in close contact with her family

I wish you all a very restful and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Best wishes

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