

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Newsletter 6**

Dear Parents,

As we reach the final few days of our autumn term we continue to see our school come together as one to enjoy this peaceful time and celebrate together. The children shone for our '**Nativity**' performances and we were thrilled with the positive comments that came back from parents and family members about how much you enjoyed it too! Huge thanks goes to Mrs Rennles, Mrs Cleather and the many other adults who helped pull this together, it was fabulous!

My apologies for any confusion I may have caused by my announcement on Monday after the nativity. The **Newdigate School Christmas Carol Service** will be held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church**, led by Martin Gilpin. All are welcome and we do hope you will support us and come along.

### Snow

Although the odds of it being a white Christmas are very slim, we are heading towards that time of year when severe weather conditions need to be considered. You will have seen in our recent Parent-mail that we will be announcing information regarding any school opening and closing due to severe weather on our website; this is our preferred route for communicating to you. We will also be sending out e-mails but these can often get 'stuck' and not get to you when the systems are overloaded. As always we will do our best to carry on as usual whilst considering the safety and well-being of everybody involved.

### Hoops

Wow! It seems that every year they get more and more adventurous and our hall looks stunning; a real starry sky has been created! You are welcome to take your child's decorated hoop home for Christmas (at the end of school on the last day of term). Please can you make sure you return the undecorated hoops to school in the new year.



### Dorking Foodbank

We have received a thank you from the Dorking Area for sending a magnificent 74.48 Kg of food following our Harvest appeal. Many thanks to all who made a

donation, the food is being distributed to those in need ready for Christmas.

### Fruit

The school will not be provided with fruit next week so please can parents send a piece of fruit in each day if they would like their child to have one.



And finally, the children haven't yet donned their **Xmas jumpers** this year. This is an opportunity to get even more festive that is enjoyed by many, so we thought we would take the opportunity to do this on the last day of term. If your child doesn't have a Xmas jumper a simple decoration or piece of tinsel added to a plain jumper will be more than enough!



Our school value for next half term  
is **Trust**.

Many thanks,  
**Paula Bliss, Headteacher**

A message from Tina Callcut:  
*Carol Singing round the village – Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December*

*'Just to let you know that our merry little band of carol-singers will this year be accompanied by not one but two donkeys, with their handler(s) from Newdigate Vets. Please do let your children know that they will be very welcome to come along too, though unfortunately – because of H&S issues – the donkeys cannot be sat upon.*

*We will be collecting for Embrace (formerly Biblelands) – a charity which tackles poverty and injustice in the Middle East.*

*We will be starting off from St. Peter's at 5.00 pm, and all are welcome back to Six Bells Barn for a glass of something afterwards.*