

Weekly News

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Message from Ms Cutting

Well done to all of the children who took part in performances this week. Despite the delay and break in rehearsals caused by the snow all of the children in both key stage one and the Early Years Foundation Stage performed confidently and enthusiastically. They entertained their audiences with their singing, acting and narrating and they really made everyone very proud. Thank you to all of the family members who came along to the rescheduled performances and for providing the wonderful nativity costumes.

Our school choir performed at the Christmas Fayre last Friday and they gave their last performance of the term during assembly today. Over the last few weeks the older members of the choir have performed as part of the Stour Vale Academy Trust choir at concerts in Stourbridge and Halesowen. The smiles on the faces of the Olive Hill members of the SVAT choir as they sang together here last Thursday showed what a valuable experience it had been for them. Thank you to Miss Raphael, Miss Macaskill, Miss Grasby, Mr Patel and Mr Weston for enabling them to take part.

The Christmas Fayre last Friday was a very busy and lively event. Many families visited Santa and took time to browse the various stalls. Thank you to everyone who donated items or came along on the day. Thank you also to Mrs Higgins and the Friends of Olive Hill for making the fayre such a success.

This week the primary school performance tables, with results for all schools from summer 2017 were published. We were delighted that our children achieved attainment which was slightly above the national average and that our results compared favourably with neighbouring schools.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Wilkinson as she leaves Olive Hill to relocate to Yorkshire. Miss Wilkinson has taught at Olive Hill for over six years, beginning her career here, teaching in a number of year groups and taking on additional responsibilities. Her dedication to teaching has always shone through and she has made a positive difference to the education of many children. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every happiness and success in the future.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff, thank you for your kind gifts, card and wishes for the festive season. Have a very happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on 3rd January.

REMINDER

For all parents of nursery children due to start school in September 2018, the closing date to fill the form out online is 15th January 2018.



This week's letters

Year 1 & 2 Multi Sports

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone that came to our Christmas Fayre, we raised £479.91.

REMINDER

Tuesday 2nd January - **TRAINING DAY.**
Wednesday 3rd January - Children return to school.



FESTIVE FUN AT OLIVE HILL

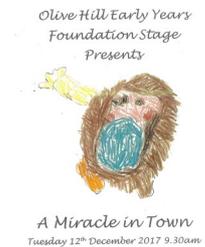
Over the last couple of weeks we have been treated to a number of Christmas performances. Despite rehearsals and shows being affected by the wintery weather, all the children rose to each occasion to deliver brilliant shows for everyone to enjoy! The shows have been reviewed below by Year 6 pupils Imogen Butler and Botirimi Onwudili.

A Miracle In Town (EYFS)

Reception and Nursery performed their fantastic Christmas nativity. All the children

involved put on a great show. We followed the journey of Mary and Joseph, before later meeting shepherds, kings and all the animals at the stable. Everyone who spoke used loud, clear voices and knew their lines very well. There was lots of great acting on show, as well as some fantastic singing. The songs were really catchy and had everyone tapping their toes.

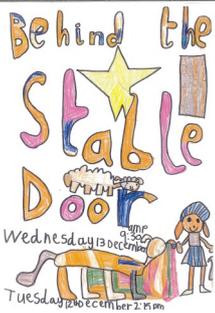
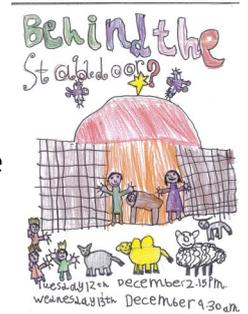
Well done EYFS!



Behind The Stable Door (KS1)

KS1 really put a smile on everyone's faces, especially the teachers, with their wonderful Christmas performance. It started with a jolly sing-a-long which they sang beautifully with clear, fluent voices. The story centred around a group of animals, who were left trying to work out why they had been banished from the stable. They all acted very well and made the show very funny. Everyone involved, from the animals to the angels and narrators were amazing. Finally, thank you to all the staff who supported the children throughout the production.

Well done KS1!



KS2 Christmas Concert

All the children in KS2 performed their annual musical extravaganza, firstly to the rest of the school and then to their friends and families. Despite a shortage of rehearsal time due to the snow, the ecstatic children performed confidently, producing an impressive and entertaining show.



Imogen Butler and Isaac Mcleod were the hosts of the show, introducing the acts, songs and jokes. The school choir performed several songs, and in the afternoon were joined by other members of the SVAT choir from Earls, Redhill and Ridgewood. The children of Year 5 performed 'Jingle Bells' on the guitar, while a handful of Year 6 guitarists also performed their rendition of 'Silent Night'. Meanwhile many other talented musicians played a number of Christmassy pieces on their brass and wind instruments.

Throughout the show, songs were sang, jokes were told and fun was had by all.



Merry Christmas Everyone!