

# SCHOOL NEWS

This will be the **LAST** newsletter of this term

## Christmas Festivities

We are having a wonderful run up to Christmas at Etchells. After a fabulous Early Years nativity and Christmas Fair last week, we have been treated with the KS1 performances this week as well as a beautiful carol concert from Year 5. My thanks to the PTA once again for serving drinks and mince pies at all the performances and selling raffle tickets for the hampers.

We had both a food hamper and a children's hamper up for grabs. The raffle was drawn yesterday and I can announce that Crystal (5LC) and Jasmyn (1CL) were the lucky winners.



**Year 5  
Carol Concert  
at the  
United Reformed  
Church**



## Next Week in School.....

Here's what to expect next week:

- ★ On Monday and Tuesday we will be welcoming Freddie Fit into school. He will be working with all year groups, including Nursery to get everyone moving and exercising. This will of course be to Christmas music! On their day, children can come to school in PE clothes such as joggers, t-shirts and sweatshirts. Children will wear these clothes all day, so shorts are not appropriate on this occasion. A christmas hat or headgear may be worn to add to the fun!

Monday: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday: Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2

- ★ Wednesday is Christmas Party day. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes
- ★ On Thursday afternoon we will have a Christmas sing-a-long in the hall.
- ★ On Thursday, Class 4R can come to school in non-uniform, as they have the highest attendance for this half term. Well done 4R - you are the only class in the school with attendance above National Average.
- ★ **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT  
3.15pm as normal on  
Thursday 22nd December**



## Dinner Money

Please note that Dinner Money will ONLY be payable via the SchoolMoney website from January 2017. Cheques and cash can no longer be accepted as we will not have the facility to manage these as we used to.

Trips and clubs will also be paid through the SchoolMoney website.

## Christmas Dinner

Thank you to Mrs Unwin and her team in the kitchen for cooking us a fantastic Christmas Dinner today. It is always a special occasion enjoyed by all and we really appreciate how much effort goes into cooking this meal for around 380 people!!!



## Hanukkah Assembly

As part of our broad and balanced RE curriculum, we had a special assembly last week all about the Jewish festival Hanukkah. We invited a visitor in from Stockport's Ethnic Diversity Service to show us artefacts and talk about the meaning of the festival.



Please remember that we do not close early next week. We finish as normal, at 3.15pm on Thursday. May I take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas/winter break and I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound on Monday 9th January at 8.50am.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

