

## Newsletter 55: Thursday 19th December 2024

## Happy Christmas Holidays to one and all



We have had a very exciting couple of weeks in school, filled with fun, laughter and happiness. The children have made us exceptionally proud with their performances in the church and during the nativities in the school hall. We are proud of each and every one of our children from Little Otters up to Y6. This week we have been very busy, with Christmas dinner on Wednesday and party on a plate today. We also had a very special visit from Santa, who gave all the children a Christmas gift to celebrate the festive season. Santa greeted the children in the Arctic Cabin, which was decorated thanks to Mr and Mrs Price.

**Christmas Fayre -** A huge thank you to our new FOSS team who organised the most momentous Christmas Fayre in the school grounds last Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. A huge amount of organisation and planning went into this event, and we cannot thank the team enough for their kindness and commitment. Our playground was full of festive cheer with donkeys, Santa on a tractor and food vans. Special thanks to our new chair, Emma Godding, who organised everyone and everything! The fayre raised over £1500, which will be used to help all of our children in the school community.



Thank you to everyone for attending, including staff and volunteers and to those who helped organise the event. This was a true example of 'Team work', one of our core values.

## **Living Advent Calendar for Slimbridge**

Just a reminder that every evening a different Advent window or garden display will be revealed in Slimbridge. Each display will be lit on subsequent evenings until Twelfth Night (with a few ending on New Year's Eve) Maps that show the locations and timings of all the Advent displays can be obtained from the Post Office, St. John's Church, the two public houses, the Tudor caravan park and the Parish Council website.

**Solar Grant –** We are delighted to announce that FOSS have been successful in securing a grant from the Slimbridge Solar Fund for nearly £19,000 for works to the rear of the school. This money will be used to construct a new reception class covered area. A massive thank you to Louise Stadon for her hard work compiling the bid paperwork.

We wish you a peaceful holiday with your family and friends and thank you for all your support and kindness throughout the last year. We will see you all on the 6<sup>th</sup> January for our return to school at 8:40 a.m.

Kind wishes, Mrs Hillman. head@slimbridge.gloucs.sch.uk