



# 21st December 2018

## Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of a very long and busy term, I wanted to write to you all to provide you with an update regarding school news.

Today we say goodbye to Mr Newcombe, who has worked at Coleham for 9 years as an IT manager, supporting all of us with IT related issues and, more recently, formed part of the Coleham staff band with Mr Larkham and Mr Edwards. We will miss Mr Newcombe very much and wish him well for the future. This half term, we have also said goodbye to Mr Townsend, who has been a school governor for many years and was also a pupil at Coleham School when he was a young boy. I would like to thank Mr Townsend for all of his hard work and wish him well for the future too.

Many of you probably receive the Belle Vue Magazine. Not only was there a very interesting article about Mr Townsend and his connection with Coleham School, but there was also an article about our Coach House, which we recently transformed into a Victorian Museum during our History week. If you found chance to visit the museum when it was open to parents, we hope that you agree what a wonderful resource it was, providing valuable historical information about the school and local area. Thanks to Mrs Morgan and Miss Heap for setting this up. We are looking forward to organising a similar Geography museum in the Coach House next term, where we will focus on learning about the local area with the children.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas performances last week, at The Abbey for Key Stage 2 parents and at Holy Trinity for Key Stage 1/EYFS parents. This is the first time that we have taken our younger children to the church to perform and I was delighted with how it went. Thank you very much for all of your positive feedback and thank you to Todd Cataldo (Minister at Holy Trinity) for allowing us to use the church at relatively short notice. We hope that you enjoyed the performances. The staff and children also enjoyed Christmas lunch last week and all of the children have enjoyed their Christmas parties this week.

Thank you very much to Miss Othen and all of the FOCS committee who organised another fantastic Christmas Fair. It was a lovely event, enjoyed by all who attended and we were delighted to have raised **£1,694** for the school. You will know from Mrs Stennett's recent letter that we are focusing on improving our class libraries in school and we have spent all of the Christmas Fair's proceeds on new books for the children. The children have told us exactly what kind of books they like and we have used their ideas to re-stock our reading areas. Thank you to everyone who came to the fair and who helped organise and run it. Also, thank you to everyone who donated books to the school for our reading corners.

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Alcock and the other parents, grandparents and Coleham children involved in creating our beautiful nativity scene. The children involved helped to make the different Christmas figures, who have travelled around school to visit all of the different classes and they have now settled in our "stable", which can be found in the quiet area. The children have loved looking at the nativity scene, which has been created with much care and thought, this week. Thank you, again, to everyone involved in this lovely project. Photographs of the nativity scene are captured at the bottom of this page.

As we look ahead to the Spring term, it promises to be busy and action packed and I will, of course, send out the Spring term diary dates as soon as possible. We return to school on Monday 7th January and I will look forward to seeing everyone then. I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a lovely, relaxing break.

Yours sincerely,

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