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## Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have noticed the ongoing improvements to the school site over the last few weeks. The pond is now complete with dipping platform and in the new year we will be holding some workshops in conjunction with Flintshire County Council and Airbus UK which will explain the biodiversity opportunities to children, parents and staff alike. We look forward to welcoming you to these and will forward details just as soon as we have them. The signage around school is also completed and I am sure you will agree that they look fabulous. We are especially pleased with the big 'St Ethelwold's VA School' signs on the fascias of the building which I am sure can be seen from outer space! They look very smart and can be seen by cars passing on the top road.



Our pupils were out delivering mince pies and Christmas Cards to the community of pensioners a couple of weeks ago and this is one of the most heartwarming events in the school calendar. We love bonding with the local community and we know that the local community appreciate this too. This tradition goes back many years and will continue long into the future.



The children were truly magnificent in the recent Stargazing performances. The singing was as good as any I have ever witnessed in a primary school, the children really enjoyed performing the songs and it showed. We were taken aback by the confidence and talents of so many of the performers and think you will agree that they did themselves, the school and indeed you, proud. Father George attended all of the performances and was thoroughly entertained as well as enjoying their interpretation of the Christmas Story. Other Christmas events (disco, parties, Christmas lunch) were also very well received and great fun. Many thanks to all the staff in school who have given countless hours of their own time to ensure that the children were well provided for and looked after.



Father Christmas visited each class this week and had everyone singing Jingle Bells before giving out a present to each child. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and were all very polite and kind to him.

Looking further back into this half term, we have been working closely with Hawarden High School on transition events and have taken groups of pupils to a Remembrance Day Service and a science workshop. Both groups represented the school superbly well and we are very proud of how they conducted themselves and took part in the events

We continue to work closely with the local authority, the diocese and with GwE and all organisations have commented on how well the staff are working together, how much better the school is looking and the continuing good progress in English and maths of the pupils. The staff here have worked so well and so hard for this and it is good to see that their efforts are being acknowledged.

May we wish you all a very Happy New Year and also thank you for your very loyal support over the last year, it means a great deal to us all.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU ALL BACK ON TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY.