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First School

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It's Christmas!

It's been a wonderful term at school. The children and staff never cease to amaze me with their hard work and achievements.

Our language curriculum continues to go from strength to strength. This term has seen our children share their Makaton skills with family, friends and Puddleduck Pre School. It is a delight to see the children's growing skills – most of us can now hold a short conversation in Makaton. The children have really taken it on board-yesterday two children showed me a combination of Makaton and Spanish. Year 3 and Year 4 improved their Japanese language skills and understanding of the culture.

The children enjoyed participating in various sporting events including skipping, the Benchball Festival and Year 3 and Year 4 Cross Country. We were proud to hear that our children showed great team work and were exceptionally well-behaved at all events.

Remembrance Service enabled the whole school and visitors from Queen's Court to reflect on the selflessness of others. The service around the flag is always moving and the Last Post played by C.O.H Vic Hitchcliff from The Blues and Royals Household Cavalry Band added to the occasion. Thank you to Mrs Gill for leading the service and to Mrs Douglass for creating the poppy field around the flag.

The school grounds have been improved thanks to the help from a huge number of volunteers this term. Thanks go to the volunteers and to Mrs McDougall for coordinating the volunteers and keeping up the team's morale with an endless supply of refreshments. Thank you!

Parents evening provided an opportunity for children, parents and teachers to talk together about the children's learning. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents noting that the children were settled, happy and making progress. Suggestions included reviewing the homework provision and the curriculum information available.

School is always a magical place to be during the build up to the Christmas break. There can be no doubt that the Christmas spirit is alive and thriving, when you hear the children singing Christmas songs, see their performance of the Nativity and see all of The Queen Anne families- past, present and future coming together for our Christmas Fair. You can find out a little more about each Christmas event below.

We are so fortunate that we have a dedicated band of staff and QAPAPA parents who work hard to make Christmas a special time for the children. Thank you!

Wishing everyone a peaceful and joyous Christmas and New Year!

Mrs Street

The Nativity

Thank you to all involved in the Nativity. It was delightful to see the children shine in their own way in church. The Nativity is the culmination of the hard work shown by all staff and children in learning lines, practising songs and being brave enough to perform in front of a large audience in the church. I still remember my own children being angels and kings in Foundation Stage and I hope that the memory of your child in the nativity will stay with you and still make you smile in years to come. Thank you to Father Quick for welcoming us to the church.

Father Christmas

Father Christmas visited the school on Monday- bringing gifts for each class. Huge thanks to QAPAFa for supporting Father Christmas again this year. Father Christmas was particularly impressed by the children singing and signing 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'.

Christmas Lunch

Once a year, the whole school sits down together to eat Christmas lunch. Thank you to the kitchen team who produced approximately 160 Christmas lunches – and to all the staff and Governors who were able to join us.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone involved in producing such a lovely Christmas Fair. The amount of hard work behind the scenes was incredible and certainly paid off- as the event was a huge success. It was lovely to see children and families- past, present and future gather together to enjoy Christmas games, food and fun in school. This term the QAPAFa team has raised approximately £4000 which is an incredible achievement. Every additional penny raised makes a difference to all of the children in our school, from subsidising the whole school trip to the theatre, to running discos, bedtime stories and parent events. Thank you QAPAFa, and Merry Christmas to the whole team- we could not do all the extra special things without you!

DON'T FORGET.....

SCHOOL ENDS AT 2.15 PM TODAY

THERE IS NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB TODAY

THE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY 2019

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!