

## Toy—tastic!

A LESSON in the History of Toys is what Year 1 children had this week when the Chertsey Toy Museum paid a visit to school. The children were fascinated



with the old style toys, playing with skittles and yo-yo's and spinning tops.

Some of them even learned how to make their own spinning toy as you can see on the left.



## Goodbye and good luck

As we break up for the Christmas holiday we will be saying a sad farewell to Miss Mortimore, Panther Class teacher. She will be leaving us to start a new life in the North. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

The good news is we will be welcoming Mrs Jo Hart who is joining us next week to take over the role of Panther Class teacher until July.

## OH what a beautiful morning

AS most of you will be aware, some time ago we introduced the handshake as a way of welcoming our pupils into class each day. We have reviewed the situation in the light of a there being an increased national risk this year of serious colds/flu and bugs. We have therefore decided that with immediate effect a member of staff will greet pupils at the door with a cheery 'Good Morning' instead. We will be encouraging pupils to respond with 'Good Morning' and hope this will offer an encouraging and positive start to the school day.



## Santa Claus is coming to town

ONCE again this year we are participating in the St Matthews Christmas Tree Festival and our tree's theme is based on the Christmas hit 'Santa Claus is coming to town'.

Please drop by and vote for our Christmas tree which will be adorned with our handmade decorations. Put your pennies in the pot to vote.

## Wait a minute Mr Postman!

THE Christmas post box will be in the school lobby from Monday 4 December for Christmas card posting. Don't forget **YOU MUST** mark your cards **clearly** with the name and class of the recipient.



## Christingle

### St Hilda's Church



On 3 December at 4pm for the benefit of the Children's Society.

Please see following page for details of the forthcoming performance of 'Manger Tom' featuring some of the children from our school.

## Stuck for a present?

DO you need a stocking filler or an extra gift for somebody this Christmas? Why not think about buying one of our 200th Anniversary tea towels? All you need to do is complete the order form that you received this week and return it to school by 8 December.



# **21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

## **MANGER TOM**

### **A CHRISTMAS CANTATA FOR CHILDREN'S VOICES**

Tom works doing odd jobs at the Big Fun Inn, which isn't much fun on this busy night. So he decides to leave the landlord in the lurch and head for the bright lights of Jerusalem. He doesn't get far; running first into reggae-singing shepherds, then three groovy wise dudes following a star, Tom can hardly ignore the remarkable things they have to tell him.

**The story of the  
nativity, told by  
Tom, the odd job  
boy at the Big Fun  
Inn**

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**Set to music by  
Richard & Thomas  
Allain**

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**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
December**

**7.30pm**

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