



## Christmas message from the Head of School

TO all of you who form part of our Ashford CE community: parents, children, staff, governors and those others who volunteer or help in other ways around our school. I write to you today to express my thanks for all the efforts you have put in over this last term. It has been a busy time in our school and many of you must be exhausted and ready for a break. Theodore Roosevelt said, "Nothing in this world is worth doing or worth having unless it involves effort and difficulty." Though things seem hard at times, whatever your life's path may be, there is hope in Lamentations 3:22-23 – *Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassion never fails. It is new every morning.* Everyone involved in our school can feel justly proud of what we are achieving here. With a community like this; with all the things you contribute every day to making it what it is, a successful New Year is on the cards.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mr Austin

## Farewell Mrs Hendry

It is with sadness that we say farewell to one of our teachers this Christmas. Mrs Hendry joined our school after qualifying what seems like ages ago and has developed into a fantastic teacher who has made a real difference to children during her time with us. Mrs Hendry is leaving to start a new adventure in Wales and we wish her the very best of luck in her future. You will be missed.

## Oh come all ye faithful

CHRISTMAS celebrations are in full swing at school this week. First up was the Christmas lunch, a delicious turkey roast, Christmas music as it was served and lots of singing!



The singing continued through to the Junior Carol Service at St. Hilda's on Wednesday.

The children and staff worked very hard putting it together and we think you will all agree what a great job they did.

Next Monday there will be parties for every class. Monday will be a Mufti Day so children may wear party clothes. The children will still go outside so sensible shoes and coats please. We are even hoping to get a visit from Santa!

## Helping others at Christmas

SO far this Christmas we have collected £135.26 on Christmas lunch day to give some homeless people a Christmas meal. We collected £634.26 at the Nativity and Carol Service for Shelter. The PTA raffle raised £333.00. Thank you all for your generosity.



## Family fun at St Saviours

EVERYONE is welcome to St. Saviours in Sunbury for the Christingle Service on Sunday 16th December at 4pm. The Nativity service is on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Everyone can dress up as their favourite character from the Nativity.



## Christmas Reflection

Christmas time is to be full of joy. Christmas is the time Jesus was born. Christmas is the time you get to see holy things. Christmas is the time about Jesus birth but love and cheer is all Christmas is worth.

By Aixa from Elephant Class