

# OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER



December 2023

Welcome to our December newsletter. This is always a busy month with learning and excitement as Christmas draws ever near. Here are some of the lovely things we have been doing.

## Christmas lunch

Lots of the children and staff enjoyed our Christmas lunch last Wednesday, cooked and served by HCL. All of the children in the school ate together and enjoyed sharing jokes from their Christmas Crackers.



## Year 6 Carol Service

Thank you to Willow and Yew classes who shared Lessons and Carols with their parents at the Church. The children read beautifully as well as sharing some holiday traditions. We were also treated to several musical performances on the piano.



## Nativity plays



Well done to all the younger children in the school who took part in one of our Nativity plays. The children all learnt their lines well and there was some super singing. Thank you to Acorn, Ash, Beech and Elm classes for telling us the story of the Nativity.



### Year 3 – Year 6 visit to the church

Last Thursday the children in Year 3 – Year 6 went to the church to have a lesson about Christmas. The children walked to the church very sensibly and were welcomed by Rev. Howard. Very quickly they all noticed that there was a chicken in the church which was very unexpected!



The unexpected chicken told the story of the unexpected birth of Christ and what Christians believe about the importance of his birth. The children listened very well and enjoyed the message from the church.

We finished our visit with Year 4 treating the rest of the children and staff to 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' which they signed as they sang. This was a lovely end to our lesson at the church.

### Inter-House sing off

The children worked very hard in their houses to produce a singing performance worthy of 'The Voice.' Each house selected a Christmas song and have practised together over the last few weeks. We have some marvellous performances with amazing voices, actions and props. The children really enjoyed themselves and the judges were suitably impressed!



Well done to Ascott House who were the overall winners.

What is coming up in January .....

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Term Starts for all children
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January** – Swimming starts for Year 4
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Choir to Young Voices in London
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** – Parent Information Meeting - Phonics Screening Check – More information to follow

And finally .....

**The Staff, Governors and Children of Overstone Combined School and Pre-School**  
**wish you a very Merry Christmas.**

