

# Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear Families,

We have a wonderful start to the Advent season the school corridors are full of the sounds of children singing and Joy.

## Christmas Extravaganza

Last week's Christmas Extravaganza was nothing short of magical! Our school grounds were transformed into a festive wonderland, buzzing with excitement and joy. The event was a tremendous success, thanks to the incredible turnout and the enthusiastic participation of our pupils, parents, and staff. From engaging games to thrilling tombola's, a tempting prize raffle, delicious food, and refreshing drinks, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The highlight, of course, was Santa himself, spreading cheer and laughter among the children sharing a story with them in his grotto. We are thrilled to announce that we raised an impressive £2400, a testament to the generosity and support of our wonderful community. This remarkable achievement will undoubtedly contribute to enhancing the educational experience for our students. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated, making this Christmas Extravaganza a memorable and heart-warming celebration. We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to Kayleigh and Andy Savage, Mr and Mrs Shipsey and the DPSA for making the start to Christmas so magical.



## Year R Nativity

This week our youngest stars excelled themselves in the school's Year R Nativity. It was a charming production that filled our hearts with festive spirit. The little ones took centre stage with confidence and sang beautifully. Everyone, from the adorable shepherds to the angels, brought their unique flair to the performance, showcasing not only their budding acting talents but also the values of teamwork and cooperation. It really was a true testament to the magic that unfolds when our youngest learners come together to create something truly special. I would like to thank our dedicated team who worked hard to make this production such a memorable and heartening experience for both the performers and the audience.



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## Year 5 and 6 visit to Beaulieu

This week our pupils went on a magical journey to Beaulieu, immersing themselves in the enchanting world of a Victorian Christmas. The historic setting provided a captivating backdrop for our students to step back in time and experience the festive traditions of the Victorian era. Starting with an etiquette lesson, which included how to bow and curtsy before meeting Lord Henry and her ladyship.

The children had the opportunity to witness firsthand how the Christmas was celebrated during this fascinating period of history. We would like to extend our gratitude to the dedicated staff and volunteers at Beaulieu for providing our students with such a unique and educational experience. They were certainly impressed with the children and commented on how well behaved they were. The children have shared that they enjoyed singing carols around the piano.



As we continue to enjoy the festive vibes of the season, Mr Howell and the choir are looking forward to performing at the Carol Service at St Laurence's this Sunday. We are also can't wait to see our KS1 stars take the stage with their KS1 performance of "The Inn Inspectors." Rehearsals have been absolutely enchanting, and if the previews are any indication, we're in for a real treat. These events will undoubtedly create lasting memories, making this week uniquely special for everyone. We can't wait to share these delightful moments with you.

Have a good weekend,

*Paula Carlton*



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