



Ardleigh St. Mary's Church of England Primary School (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School



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Methodist Church - Christmas Celebration



On Tuesday afternoon we all went to Ardleigh Methodist Church to join with their Christmas celebrations. We were made to feel very welcome and the children enjoyed singing the different songs prepared and performing a couple of songs from our Christingle as well.

We would like to thank all members of Ardleigh Methodist for inviting us to share their special service.



Christmas Concert



On Tuesday evening pupils from Class 3 and Class 4 performed their Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Church, Ardleigh. This was the first time we have held a Christmas concert and, judging by the positive comments we received, was a very successful evening. We have had many requests to repeat the event next year!

The concert began with Year 6 singing the first two verses of Silent Night in German, and then the rest of the children repeated these verses, but this time in English. The lights were dimmed and candles had been lit all around the church and so it made this aspect of the evening incredibly atmospheric.

Class 3 then delighted us with their rendition of 'Jingle Bells' and 'Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer', using musical instruments to add to the performance. The Choir, which also includes members of Class 2, sang 'Merry Christmas Everyone', adding in their own little dance moves and Y5 performed their own version of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas! This was very funny to watch and listen to!

Class 4 produced a very polished performance of 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' and 'We're Walking in the Air', with several children accompanying their first song playing the Ukeleles. In between we sang Christmas Carols and before we invited the congregation to sing the final carol, 'Once in Royal David's City', with us, Matthew Salmon played 'Good King Wenceslas' on his keyboard.

During the songs Sonny Dines accompanied Mr Wright on his guitar, with Nathan Scofield joining in on a couple too.

It was a fantastic evening and it demonstrated how talented the children are and how they confident they have become in regards to performing in the Church, in front of so many people.

It was lovely to see so many families and friends come to share this night with us as well.

Well done to everyone who took part and many thanks go to all of the staff who helped make this evening so successful.



Meals - Lunch Menu



The menu for the week beginning 04.01.16 is 37



Additional Letters



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday we enjoyed our Christmas Lunch, cooked again by Ruth and her fantastic team:- Mrs Sahin, Mrs Wallis, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Smee-Hotene. We are incredibly grateful for our catering team and all of the hard work they put in to making this day so special.

We also would like to thank our many Friends of members who helped in the afternoon.



Pantomime

Yesterday we went to the Mercury Theatre to watch the Pantomime and this year they were performing 'Aladdin'.

It was great to see the children so excited and joining in wholeheartedly with the whole experience.

Many thanks to the Friends of Association who provided the money to pay for the coaches.



Christmas Competition - St Mary's Church, Ardleigh

The United Benefice of Ardleigh and the Bromley's Children's Committee would like to thank all of the children who took part in their Christmas competition.

The class winners were:

Class 1 - Jude Mansfield

Class 2 - Daisy Crilly

Class 3 - Charlotte McKenna

Class 4 - Rosie Brook

Well done to all of the other children who took part:-

Class 1 - Harry Dagnall-Hood, Megan Davis, Jamie Hill, Thomas Priest, Maisie Reid, Robert Reid

Class 2 - Amelie Andrews, Charlotte Bohanna-Smith, Jack Franklin, Chase Johnson, Paige McMaster, Jennifer Owen, Jacob Partridge, Rosie Reade, Harry Reeve, Amelie Sorrell, Annabelle Tunmore

Class 3 - Ruby Mason-Cherry, Logan Mitchell, Thomas Owen, Leona Wade

Class 4 - Oli Elden, Martha Hoggarth, Phoebe Lay-Flurrie, Edward Reeve, Rosie Snook



Ardleigh Pre-School News

Walking Bus

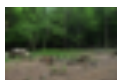
If you need the services of the Walking Bus please contact Jenny or Lizzie from the pre-school, either in the playground or by email: admissions@ardleighpreschool.co.uk or by phone or text: 07702419248

Bookings are welcomed whether regular dates or as one-offs.



Dates For Your Diary

- *18.12.15 Break up
- *04.01.16 Return to School
- *06.01.16 Squash for Class 3 starts
- *15.01.16 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Programme - Cookery Workshop @ Bradfield Primary School - Y3 - details to follow
- *26.01.16 O2 Arena Concert - Young Voices
- *28.01.16 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Programme - Cookery Workshop @ Wix and Wrabness Primary School - Y2 - details to follow
- *05.02.16 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Programme - Maths Workshop @ Bradfield Primary School - KS1 - details to follow
- *09.02.16 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Programme - Computing Workshop @ Langham Primary School - Y6 - details to follow
- *11.02.16 HSA Swimming Gala @ Dovercourt Swimming Pool - details to follow
- *11.02.16 Y1/2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Highfields Primary School - details to follow
- *12.02.16 Essex School Games Squash Finals - details to follow
- *12.02.16 Break up
- *22.02.16 Non Pupil Day
- *23.02.16 Children return to school



Forest School Sessions

Forest School sessions begin again w/c 04.01.15

Class 1 - Tuesday
Year 1 - Wednesday
Year 3 - Thursday
Year 6 - Friday

Non Pupil Days

Thursday 3rd September 2015 - Safeguarding Awareness Training
Friday 4th September 2015 - Assessment without Levels
Monday 2nd November 2015 - Joint Consortium Training - Quality of Assessment
Monday 22nd February 2016 - Creative Curriculum
Monday 6th June 2016 - Assessment without Levels - Evaluation



**"We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year!"**



Have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the break - See you all in 2016!
Take care - From all at Ardleigh St. Mary's