

Weekly Newsletter 10th December 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

This year is a very special one for Christingle as it is 50 years since the first Christingle service for The Children's Society was held in this country, at Lincoln Cathedral on 7th December 1968. The Y3 & Y4 Christingle service last Thursday was a truly special way to mark the 50th anniversary. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



Staff know how costly this time of year is for everybody. Staff have requested that you don't buy gifts for them this year and spend those extra pounds on making Christmas extra special for your family. A card from your child or a 'Merry Christmas' greeting is quite sufficient.

Keep warm and have a lovely week!

Mrs E. Bramley and Miss C. Champion

The Ugly Ducking

Woodland trees transformed from dark weathered branches, to silver sticks of frost, while hidden in brushwood, beside an ice-covered lake, a lost rejected duckling stared skyward at the migrating swans, yearning to belong and marvelling at their beauty....

Moving through all four seasons, the Tutti Frutti and York Theatre Royal brought this Hans Christian Andersen's well known tale to life for reception pupils at Stockton's Arc last week.



Inspired by Nick Butterworth's book '**One Snowy Night**' the Y1 children visited the North York Moors. The children noticed that Percy had left a message asking them to find the animals and take them indoors for a cup of hot chocolate to warm up. The Y1s followed a trail collecting animal characters from the story and taking part in short activities related to wildlife on the way. They ended up in a magical looking yurt complete with wood burning stove and hot chocolate to read the story.

The Y1s also engaged in a series of short activities and games involving identifying and naming a range of animals, comparing the structure of a range of animals and identifying where animals live.



