

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we end the term there has been so much to celebrate:

The Christmas fayre was a wonderful event, attended by so many. Thanks to members of the Friends committee and all parents, grandparents for supporting this with their time and organisation.

An amazing total of **£3,407** was raised which will go towards the payment for the new playground shelters. More events are planned for next term, look out for notification early next term.

BBC Children in Need

Our playground collection this year raised **£220.25**.

Mrs Kelly & Mrs Reynolds also took part in the Children in Need Country Ramble and raised a further **£446.25**.



The infant nativity was exceptional and enjoyed by large audiences at each performance. Thanks to all children and the staff for all their hard work and skill in making this so special.

Junior productions similarly have been splendid with, with all children singing and performing the nativity story with great enthusiasm. Thanks to all of them and the staff for ensuring such excellent performance.

Thank you for your support for The Children's Society through these performances. The offerings at all performances raised an exceptional **£835.27** The donations will support children and young people who find themselves with difficulties which lead to them often running away from home.



Christmas jumper day was great fun. There are now so many different designs!



Thanks for your donations to the Save the Children Fund. **£202.00**.

Parties and Father Christmas for the infants, mother Christmas for the juniors have added to the Christmas spirit!



Christingles, made by year 6 for themselves and the Reception class buddies were lit at the end of the school Christingle service this morning, providing a beautiful and very still moment as the children sang 'Away in a Manger'.



A Christmas Blessing shared with us by the Rev. Shaun Sanders:

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be ours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

As St Mary's school, Mary features so much in our thoughts as we remember the wondrous events of the first Christmas, when Jesus came to earth as a tiny baby, bringing hope, joy, peace and love. May we all share God's wonderful love this Christmas time as we enjoy the celebrations.

School re-opens on **Monday 7th January 2019 @ 8.55am**