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# Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016- Newsletter

## **New Staff**

We are delighted to confirm two new members of staff that will be joining us in January. Arleta Glynn will be the new teacher in Voyagers. Many of you will know Mrs Glynn as she has been supply teaching in different classes around the school, including an extended two week period in the Investigators at the start of this half term. We would also like to welcome Katie Mackle as our new SENDCo. Mrs Mackle (no picture yet as the appointment was yesterday!) is currently in the same role at Dartington Primary School for 3 days a week.

Mrs Glynn



#### Children in Need

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our recent spotty Children in Need day. The school raised an excellent £164.20. Special thanks to the Jessie, Lilly and Bea in Y6 for collecting the money, organising posters and delivering an excellent presentation in our assembly.

#### **Christingle Celebration**

The children in Discoverers and Voyagers were recently invited to take part in the Christingle celebration at St John's Church. Within a sea of oranges, candles, sweets, cocktail sticks and ribbon, some superb Christingles were prepared in school the day before the event with the support of parents and other members of the church. The celebration was a real success and the children were again a credit to the school.

#### Mrs Bowden

Mrs Bowden would like me to share the special news that she is expecting another baby next year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Jess and her family, especially Big Brother Harry who is very excited!

## **Christmas Carousel**

Some of you will remember our Christmas Carousel event from last year, where the children get together in house groups to complete Christmas activities. The event this year will be on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** where the children will enjoy one activity in the morning and one in the afternoon. This event is just for pupils and we would like to encourage everyone to wear Christmas Jumpers or festive colours for the event.

## **Violin Assembly**

We were delighted to be joined by parents on Thursday morning to hear the Year 3 Violin Concert. The pupils have very much enjoyed learning to play the violin with Kip Pratt as part of the Wider Opportunities available in school. Many parents commented on how well the children had done and enquired about violin lessons in school, which are available with Tom Deam.

## Curriculum Celebration- 'What a Wonderful World'

The staff and pupils were delighted to welcome a record number of parents to our recent curriculum celebration. These opportunities to share your child's learning are becoming more and more popular and we very much appreciate your support. Feedback from the event was very positive and here is one of the comments received-

'The work was beautifully presented. The children were eager to talk about their project and very proud of their work. Very impressive!'

Many thanks for your continued support.

Dave Killoran

(Headteacher)