



## Christmas Special Edition



### The Inn-Spectors:

The Inn-spectors are in Bethlehem and they're not pleased! Sent out to make sure all accommodation is tip-top during the census, the Inn-spectors are horrified to discover that at one of the inns some visitors have been put in a stable, and worse still, a baby has been born amongst the hay and animals! However, as Mary, Joseph and the donkey tell their story, the Inn-spectors realise that this is no ordinary baby and their worries quickly fade as they declare the stable fit for a King!



The Year 2 children proved to be accomplished actors and entertainers with their brilliant performance. They demonstrated fantastic acting and singing skills - watch out Hollywood! Well done to everyone involved.



### EYFS Christmas Crafts:

A wonderful Christmassy atmosphere was created in Foundation Stage classrooms with their annual Christmas crafts. It was great to see so many Mums, Dads, Grandparents and friends come along to help out the children create their decorations which



we are sure will be treasured for many years to come. With so much glitter, glue, tinsel and shiny paint being used, everyone went away with a Christmassy spring in their step.



### Y3 Christmas Assembly:

Children from Y2 to Y6 along with parents and carers of Y3 were treated to a wonderful production of Jesus' Christmas Party. The singing, acting, movement and costumes were wonderful and the audience at a packed All Saints Church could hear every word from the front.



The afternoon began with three songs



from the Junior Choir before the Y3's took to the stage.

Well done to all the children and adults who were involved in putting on a wonderful show.



### EPTFA Christmas Fair:

The annual Christmas Fair was bigger and better than ever, now being able to spread out a little in the new premises the EPTFA were able to include more activities and entertainment than ever before.

There were still the old favourites of the sweet stall, café, visits to Father Christmas and craft stalls but new additions included the gift room where children entered alone in order to prepare something special in secret as well as games and a wonderful Winter Wonderland display. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event as well as all the efforts of the EPTFA committee—a massive £4000+ total was raised on the day.



## Reverse Advent Calendar:



Once again the Ecclesall Primary School Community have delivered in a typically selfless manner in their giving to two local charities through the reverse Advent Calendar. We have been blown away by the sheer volume of donations to **Baby Basics** - who work with vulnerable families with young babies in Sheffield and **St Wilfrid's Hospice** - who work with homeless and vulnerable adults. Thanks to the tireless efforts of a couple of Mums various convoys of donations have been making their way to these two worthy, local charities as well as reminding our children of those less fortunate than themselves at Christmas time. It is a time of giving as well as receiving - thank you so much to everyone who has donated goods so generously.



## Christmas Jumper Day:

As if anyone needs an excuse to unwrap their Christmas Jumper or Christmassy sparkly bling and strut proudly into school. Even better when you are doing so in order to raise funds for Weston Park Cancer Charity - a local hospital charity trust that delivers so much to the people of Sheffield and further afield in their fight against cancer. The learning did not stop there though with KS2 children learning to describe their "pull de Noël" en Français! A huge £388.71 was raised - thank you



## Children's Hospital Appeal:

If you happen to be passing by the new entrance to the Children's Hospital do look out for the Ecclesall Primary School snowflake, proudly shining on the wall above the entrance. This was as a result of the team of staff, governors and parents who ran the Sheffield 10K back in September and the sponsorship that came in from that event - we raised just over £1400 for the Children's Hospital Appeal. Many thanks to all the runners and everyone who sponsored the team.



## Christmas Parties:

All the children have had Christmas parties in the last week of term. Santa visited each class with a gift and there were plenty of games, laughs and food. What a great way to celebrate with friends.



## Coming Up:

### December:

Sat 21: End of Term

### January:

Mon 7: INSET DAY—School closed

Tues 8: Return to School & Y1 Gruffalo Day

Wed 9: Y1 Gruffalo Day

Mon 14: Y6 Weighing & Measuring

Tues 15: Y5 Netball @ Sheffield Girls' School

Tues 15 & Wed 16: EYFS Hearing, Weighing & Measuring

Fri 17: Y2 Tigers Class Assembly 9.00am

Wed 23: Y6 visit Crucial Crew

Thurs 24: Y3 Visit synagogue (am)

Fri 25: Y4 Eagles Class Assembly 9.00am

EPTFA Bun Sale pm

Tues 29: Y3 Egyptian Day

### February:

Fri 1: Y2 Lions Class Assembly 9.00am

EPS parent calendar can be downloaded onto mobile devices through [Google Calendar App](#).



## Singing:

Christmas is often represented by children singing and EPS has been alive with children singing over the build up to Christmas this year. The Junior Choir performed at Holy Trinity Church at the Whirlow Hall Farm Carol Service. We were particularly proud of all our Foundation Stage children who performed for the very first time. They learnt a total of 9 Christmas songs! They sang with great enthusiasm and delight and it was a thoroughly enjoyable performance. Y1 sang beautifully before the Y2 Nativity and Y6 children participated in the WORK Ltd. Community carols at All Saints Church. All the children gave such confident performances and audiences all went away with a seasonal spring in their step.

