

Bright Spark News!

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Dear Parents / Carers

The last two weeks have been an extremely busy time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The annual pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk led by Mrs Finch and Mrs Mountford was fantastic. The production was performed to local First Schools as well as two packed audiences of proud parents and grandparents. A cast of over 50 worked tirelessly to ensure a high class performance with lots of laughter and festive good cheer.

Last week also saw us host a fantastic community Christmas lunch with over 70 members of the community attending. The dining room was suitably decorated and our catering team put on a real festive feast of roast turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding and chocolate fudge cake followed by coffee and mints. Everyone left feeling very full and very festive - just as it should be at Christmas! Today they got to do it all over again for staff and pupils - well done ladies!

We also held our annual Enterprise Day with all pupils participating to raise the most funds. The array of goods was brilliant - something for everyone. The winning forms in each year were 8SC, 7LH, 6AF and 5TAH. Each winning form will receive £50 to spend on a reward of their choice. All forms received a large tub of chocolates for their efforts. The support for this event was phenomenal and we raised almost £1600 which will be used to support learning and enrichment throughout the school.

The events of the week continued with our KS2 performance where parents got the opportunity to join us for tea, coffee and a mince pie. Pupils from Y5 and Y6 entertained us with dancing, singing and some drama. Y5 then invited us all to RoboFest - some exciting robots were able to show us the fantastic work they have been doing this term. Lots of parents were suitably impressed. It has been wonderful to see so many of our Y5 pupils embrace school life and the opportunities on offer. They really are a lovely bunch. Our church services this morning were very festive and allowed us time to reflect and think about family and friends and those less fortunate than ourselves. Yet again Miss Cox and Mrs Fraser did a fantastic job. I would like to thank Rev. Fraser for his continued support of the school. Tomorrow will finish our Christmas celebrations with many pupils out on trips or fun activities in school.

Once again thank you for your support and for sending us such brilliant pupils to work with. I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and hopefully restful Christmas.

Mrs Price

The grand total from enterprise day was a staggering

£1560





Important Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term Starts - 7th January
Y6 SATS Evening - 9th January
Mock SATS - 28th January - 31st January
Years 3 - 8 Disco - 6th February
Parents Evening - 12th February
Young Voices @ MEN - 14th February
Non-Uniform in aid of Year 8 prom - 15th February
Half Term - 18th February - 22nd February



Merry Christmas from all of us at
James Bateman Middle School