



BARNABAS NEWS

6TH DECEMBER 2019 WEEK 13

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Our values: Encouragement, Friendship, Respect,
Responsibility and Truthfulness.

DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

On Monday we all enjoyed the Rocksteady concert; the children have made amazing progress and are definitely enjoying being 'rockstars!'

Stagecoach visited to run Christmas drama workshops for every age group. They were a great success and we are grateful to Stagecoach for giving the children such a lovely experience. More details can be found at <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/headington>. I know from personal experience they are great at building children's confidence.

Years 1 and 2 visited the Ashmolean Museum to learn about specific paintings. We are incredibly lucky to have so many opportunities for visits in walking distance of school.

Years 1 and 4 had a lovely time at Forest School at Hill End and luckily the weather was good. They were also able to go for a walk around the site at Hill End which was fun and interesting.

Lots of staff development this week too with writing training, the maths partnership meeting hosted by us and the deputies partnership meeting.

Finally, last night was the Christmas Disco, much fun was had by all and a huge thank you to all the parents who made it happen.

Karen Donaghey
twitter @BarnabasBuzz for pictures

WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWI FREE SCHOOL. Please check cereal bars and snacks and do not send products such as Nutella to school. This includes pine nuts, humus and tahini.

Please remember this always applies including Christmas treats and parties.

We need payment for the whole school visit to the pantomime. If you haven't paid, please do as soon as possible. THANK YOU.

Tuesday 10 th	Y4 Christingle at Christchurch We will be supporting the Children's Society instead of Children in Need. Look out for Year 4's Fundraising ideas.
Tuesday 10 th	KS1 Winter Celebration: The Nativity in St Barnabas' Church 6pm
Wednesday 11 th assembly	Music concert Years 2 4 and 6
Thursday 12 th	FSU Christmas Concert 10.30am in the hall
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day £1 Y5/6 Carol singing in the Westgate
Monday 16 th	ALL to the Pantomime
Tuesday 17 th	ALL Christmas Lunch.
Wednesday 18 th	KS2 Christmas Celebration Film (or Tuesday) Class parties
THURSDAY 19 th	BREAK UP 1.30pm

The Christmas Holiday is a great opportunity to get those times tables learnt. Every year from 1-4 have tables to learn so that by the end of Year 4 they know them inside out. But Year 5 and 6 need to keep them going too so they always have instant recall. Practice sheets are available in the foyer

Practise by:
Chanting forwards "6, 12, 18, 24...";
and in reverse order: "108, 99, 90, 81...";
Using times tables songs, like Schoolhouse Rock's '3 is A Magic Number';
Using apps, like the one by ks2timestables.co.uk, Times Tables Rock Stars, Hit the Button or Squeebles.
Asking your child questions out of order:
What is 4 x 7? 9 x 5? 6 x 11?
Using pasta pieces or sprouts to show groups of numbers representing times tables, e.g. four groups of three pasta shells to show 3 x 4 = 12;
Asking your child related short division questions, like "What is 12 divided by 4? What is 55 divided by 11?";
Asking your child word problems based on times tables, like: "If five friends have £3 each, how much money do they have in total"