

# Wilsden Primary School

Newsletter No. 14

Friday 16th December



## Y3 & Y4 and Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performances

We have been entertained for two afternoons and evenings this week by our Lower and Upper Key Stage 2 children. Years 3 & 4 performed on Tuesday and Years 5 & 6 on Wednesday; both performed a traditional carol concert for us. We were particularly impressed with their beautiful singing, especially the soloists – there was barely a dry eye in the house!

Well done to all of you for a very special concert that has got us all in the mood for Christmas.

It was good to be reminded about the real meaning of Christmas and hear the traditional songs.

A special thank you to WSA for providing the crèche, mince pies and mulled wine – your efforts behind the scenes are very much appreciated.

## Year 3 Rainforest Day

On Wednesday, Year 3 had had another Creative Curriculum day. This time the theme was "The Rainforest" which we have been learning about during this half term. The activities for the day were making rainforest pictures with pastels in the style of Rousseau; the construction of a rainforest complete with trees and rivers; and writing a persuasive letter to convince big businesses not to chop down the rainforests. A rainforest treasure hunt used a maths code to help us to find the hidden "gold treasure". We made our pneumatic rainforest creature models. Finally we had a rainforest word search and a rainforest maze to work on. A very busy day and as you can see from the smiling faces below, the children enjoy these special days immensely.



## Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party Day

On Thursday, this week, despite the weather and the late start for lots of us, school was aglow with sequins and sparkles as we held our Christmas party day. You could hear the sounds of children singing and laughing all over school. At lunchtime, everyone enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch complete with crackers. In the afternoon, Colonel Custard came in to entertain our younger children, whilst in KS2, there were a range of activities for children to choose. A special thank you goes to our kitchen and lunchtime staff who all worked VERY hard to make our lunch so enjoyable.

## Christmas Concert Collections

The collections held after the Christmas concerts this year raised a fantastic £414. THANKYOU!  
The money will be split between the classes for wet playtime equipment.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Goodbye

Today we said "goodbye" to Mrs Dalby and Mrs Mitchell, two of our Lunchtime Supervisors, and to Mrs Carling, one of our Year 4 teachers who are leaving us. We shall miss you all and thank you for all your hard work with us here at Wilsden.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY\*\*\*

Winning Raffle Numbers

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize – Hamper	Pale Blue 227 (AB785576)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize – 2 Bottles of Wine	Green 510 (AB791639)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize – Wine & Chocolates	Green 797 (AB791639)
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - Tin of Celebrations	Green 589 (AB791639)
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize – Poinsettia	Green 516 (AB791639)

Saturday Morning Football

Mr Hutton who runs the Saturday morning football club at school has informed us that there will be no club for the next few weeks, over the winter. The club will re-start on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Dates for your diary

Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day – 3.30pm Break up for Christmas Holiday ☺
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to children
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January	HALE (Healthy screening for Parents) 2.00pm onwards
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Westbourne Primary School linking day (3AH out)
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Chinese New Year begins (Year of the Dragon)

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Community News

Church of England Carol Service

The Traditional Carol Service for Harden and Wilsden will be at St Saviour's Church in Harden on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm and will be led by the joint choirs of St Saviour's and St Matthew's. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Holiday Club

Wilsden Village Hall Holiday Club will be running at Christmas this year – from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December until Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December. We can now care for children from 3 years old. For more information or to book a place, please ring Claire on 07717 250433.

Christingle Service

This is at St Matthew's Church at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve – Saturday 24th December. There will be Carols, and Christingles and the lights will be turned off whilst we sing Away in a Manger and Silent night with the church lit by candlelight. It's a special time not to be missed.

Bacon Butties and Prayers

Parents, carers, grandparents are invited to drop into St Matthew's on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 9.00am till 9.30am for free bacon butty, tea and coffee, and chance to light a candle as a prayer for your child as this new term begins.

New Monthly Messy Church from 11<sup>th</sup> January

A new Messy Church starts at St Matthews on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January straight after school to include fun and games, DVDs, & crafts and ending with a meal together for parents and children all in the context of being a Christian community. Most months this will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month but will change occasionally to avoid school holidays. There is no charge, though we do invite donations, and parents, carers or grandparents are encouraged to come with children of all ages.

For more details phone Vicar Bob 01535 273758 or go to [www.hardenwilsden.org](http://www.hardenwilsden.org)

Village News

The Village Hall and Parish Council are planning to hold a Street Party on Monday 4th June 2012 to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We need a group of volunteers to help us do this. If anyone would like to be involved no matter how big or small the part, please come to our meeting on Wednesday, 11th January 2011, at the Village Hall.

We are hoping that having had no major village events over the last few years, this will be a successful community day for everyone.