

This week we have been exploring the true meaning of Christmas and practising our carols ready for our Christmas celebration on Tuesday. The local churches came in and discussed the Christian view of Christmas and we found out about the gifts the wise men delivered to Jesus. In keeping with the Christmas theme, we recapped our numbers to 25 in Spanish linking to advent.

We all enjoyed the delicious Christmas dinner together on Wednesday, which was a very festive event.

**Key Stage Two Christmas Celebration - Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December - 6pm to 7.30pm,**

We hope you are looking forward to our Christmas celebration on Tuesday. Places are now taken for this performance. The children should wear their school uniform but might like to bring in tinsel and a festive headdress to wear.

**Xmas Jumper Day - Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**

The School Council have arranged for children to be able to wear Christmas jumpers for the day. These can be shop bought or home decorated. Small donations welcome, which the School Council will use to arrange more fun whole school activities.

**Class party - Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be holding Christmas parties in class on Friday afternoon and would welcome any small donations of party food to share with our friends. Due to allergies in school please avoid kiwi fruit and nuts. If you are sending in drinks please could you limit this to lemonade or squash. Children can also bring in party clothes to change into.

**A greener Christmas**

Would you like to help us be a little greener this Christmas? Instead of buying a box of cards for your child to give out in class we would like to suggest you donate this money to their Class Christmas Jar. The children can write a message to their classmates on the Christmas Board in their class. We plan to use the money to buy fruit trees and vegetable seeds for our allotment in the Forest School area.

**Heatree Activity Centre Residential - 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**We have places available for this residential**, if you are interested in taking this place please contact the school office for details. You might like to look at Heatree's website to see where they will be going and what they might be doing [www.heatreeactivitycentre.co.uk](http://www.heatreeactivitycentre.co.uk).

**Christmas Card Recycling**

When we return to school in January, you can bring in your Christmas cards to be recycled. We will place boxes on the KS2 landing, near the school office and outside the KS 1 classes.

**Lunch menu for next week is 'Week One'**. Please note, due to the school hall being in use, there is a menu change for **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December - 'fish fingers and chips, cucumber sticks and a cake in a bag'** that will be eaten in classrooms.

**Diary Dates**

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18 news of school events [www.ovschool.co.uk](http://www.ovschool.co.uk).

Fri, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of term.

Mon, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec to Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Christmas Holidays

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Gulliford    Mrs Grimwood    Mr Luttman    Mr Huggins