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# Holy Trinity International Prep News

## Christmas Message from Mrs Leek-Wright.

Dear Parents

In keeping with the spirit of this last week, I would like to start by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our Christmas festivities were officially launched by the Christmas Cracker, organized by the PA, who have been busy in school these last two weeks getting Christmas well and truly underway. The funds raised by the PA are re-invested into school to improve the learning experience of all our students and so I would like to thank the PA for all their hard work, especially during this busy time of year.

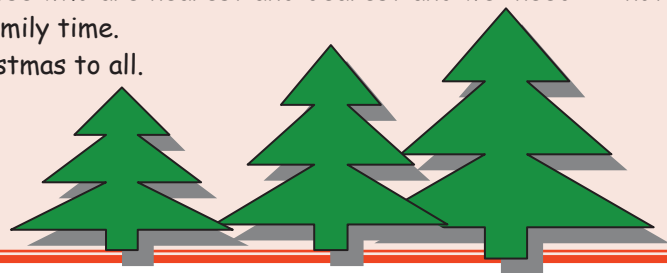
From the Christmas Cracker to our theatre visits, 'Sleeping Beauty' for Seniors and the 'Jungle Book' for Prep, re-enforcing work covered in lessons and helping to ignite that Christmas magic. Following this, we then had exciting news that Santa was visiting the animals at the West Midlands Safari Park and so of course our Prep students had to go along to make sure he hadn't mixed up their Christmas lists. We then said goodbye to our skiers, who are currently enjoying the winter sunshine and some excellent skiing. They may be enjoying the thrills of the ski slopes, but they missed an enchanting production of, 'Ralph the Reindeer' performed by our Nursery and Kindergarten children. It was a visual feast for the eyes and the children played out their various roles beautifully. I have to say a special well done to the staff who managed to co-ordinate and control 60 little ones, who at one point were let loose with instruments!

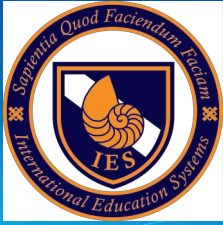
Following the theme of Christmas around the world, our Key Stage one Students entertained us with, 'The Smallest Angel'. It was a delightful performance and I was particularly impressed by the Spanish song, demonstrating good linguistic skills at such a young age. Not to be outdone by the younger members of school our Senior students once more demonstrated how imaginative and creative they are in the House plays, in which they paraded fashions of the future.

In between all the productions, we had puppet shows, the Junior Choir singing for charity, Christmas lunch and of course a visit from Santa. We concluded the week with the Carol Concert in the church, a fitting end reminding us all of the true purpose of Christmas.

Given that it has not been that long since we presented, 'Oliver' and our Prep students sang in the, 'Young Voices' concert, I'm sure you will all agree that a rest is needed by all. For our Senior students who have exams coming up in January, I hope that you find the time to relax and take the occasional break from revision and ensure that you come back duly prepared. However, in general Christmas is a very special time in which it is important that we all pause and re-focus on those who are nearest and dearest and we need not make any apologies for indulging in family time.

Therefore God Bless and Merry Christmas to all.





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## Message from Austria.

Our Skiers are having a wonderful time in Austria. The sun is shining down on them and they are enjoying fabulous ski-ing up on the glacier. Mr Brunt has received a few bumps and bruises but our expert pupils are absolutely fine ! They would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas !

PREP STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL  
A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS.  
WE WILL SEE YOU ALL ON THURSDAY THE  
5TH OF JANUARY 2012.

## The Smallest Angel

Reception to Year 3 performed a Christmas play, The Smallest Angel. Isabelle Hulston (year 2) took the main part of the smallest angel. She sang 'Away In A Manger' beautifully with Simeon Metzger (year 2.) At the end of the production Joseph Stringer (reception) sang 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. All pupils and parents made a big effort to produce and organise the fabulous costumes that looked incredible !

The performance was enjoyed by family, friends,

## Puppet show

Clive Chandler arrived in Prep with his theatre and puppets. We always look forward to his visits and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the performance. This year it was Jack and the Beanstalk. We all cheered when



## Spanish Christmas cards

Year five and six have been making Spanish Christmas cards (Tarjeta de navidad-Christmas cards!) for friends and family to wish them a merry Christmas and a happy new year (Feliz navidad y ano Nuevo- merry Christmas and a happy new year). We give our thanks to Senora Garcia for organising and inspiring us with her fantastic range of Spanish activities.

# FELIZ NAVIDAD!



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## Santa

Prep school pupils were enchanted by the presence of a special visitor. Santa Claus delivered a sack full of presents for every pupil. Everyone got a turn to sit on Santa's lap and received a present, whilst year 5 and 6 were busy being Santa's elves. It was a fun afternoon enjoyed by all.

## Age UK

Mrs Powell and Mr Dunnington took a group of pupils to sing a selection of Christmas carols and songs to age UK in Stourbridge. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed performing in our local community.

The audience were clapping and singing along and we were all filled with Christmas cheer. We hope to visit them again very soon!



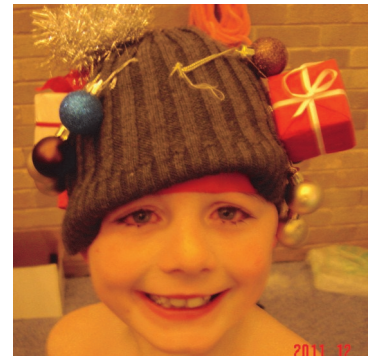
## Carol service

The carol service was a fitting end to a dynamic term, filled with joyful carols and songs. Pupils from throughout the school played in the orchestra and accompanied the choir with enthusiasm. The parents joining the service were welcomed by the festive singing and enjoyed singing some traditional carols with the school community. All were invited back for mince pies and mulled wine.

## Disco splash

Over 35 pupils from Year 1 to 7 enjoyed a session of fun activities last Friday night. The pupils played musical statues, danced the hokey-cokey and enjoyed the 'wet pass the parcel'.

There were also an excellent array of festive hats. Mrs Wright judged the competition and awarded top prize to Ria (Year 4), second prize to James (Year 4) and third prize to Alex (Year 2). Many thanks to Mrs Thomas for organising the event.



## Work of the week—Congratulations to:

Annabel (R)	:wonderful Spanish Christmas card
Alistair (Yr 1)	:great independent writing on Autumn leaves
Isabelle (Yr 2)	:wonderful writing
Louise (Yr 3)	:excellent picture of the Jungle Book
Group (Yr 4)	:wonderful Amazon village created
Whole class (Yr 5)	:great teamwork in maths
Cecilia (Yr 6)	:excellent persuasive speech