

# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 13 – DECEMBER 2024

## Attendance Champions Week 13

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year R: 100%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 4: 97.78%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 6: 96.30%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 5: 95.71%
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 3: 95.38%
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 1: 91.03%
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 2: 90.69%

## Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

As well as the children continuing to work hard to demonstrate the great progress they have made in their learning, it has been another festive week this week with lots of Christmas events happening, some of which are mentioned below. Thank you for all of your kind donations for Christmas Jumper Day today, your generosity is much appreciated. We have more to come and hope to see you at the Christmas Fair next Friday, and the Christmas End of Term Service at St John's Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

## Reflection

At this time of year, we must remember that Christmas is about the birth of God's son Jesus. It's about how he came to give us love, hope and joy. We need to reflect on the humility of Mary and Joseph when they received the news that Mary would give birth to a baby boy and name him Jesus.

The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is pleased with you. Listen! You will become pregnant. You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Luke 1.30 - 31

## Nativity

A huge well done to all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who performed their Nativity to the school and to their families this week. It was amazing to see so much confidence in their acting, singing and dancing and the performances received rave reviews from parents. Well done to all the children who shone so brightly and a big thank you to all the staff who helped put on such a wonderful show.

## Coulsdon Choir

The choir have been in fine voice again this week and it has been lovely hearing their singing during their practices in school. On Wednesday evening a group from the choir performed at Toldene Residential Home and lit up the room with their renditions of Christmas songs. The children performed wonderfully and gave some real joy to the residents who were all extremely impressed. A huge thank you to the children and to Mrs Jackson for all of their hard work and for sharing their incredible talent. I am looking forward to seeing the choir perform again at The Coulsdon Yuletide Fair tomorrow morning in Coulsdon Town Centre

## Coughs and Colds

So far, we have been very lucky at Coulsdon and have avoided the usual level of illness which is generally present in schools towards the end of the autumn term. However, there are still quite a few children with runny noses. If any parents would be willing to donate a box of tissues, the class teachers would be very grateful! Thank you.