

Dear Families,

This week has seen school get fully into the seasonal spirit with our first Christmas events – the **Early Years Christmas Sing-a-long** and the **Market Drayton Schools' Joint Christmas Concert** at St Mary's, which both happened on Wednesday. Both events were wonderful and it was so lovely to see the youngest members of our school sharing Christmas songs with their families and friends.

The joint Christmas concert was also a very enjoyable event and we thank the families who were able to attend and the families of the children in our school choir who sang so beautifully. A final thank you goes to the staff who have given so much time to preparing for these events. Thank you to all of the adults in our Early Years classes as well as to Mrs Collins who gives up part of her lunchtime each week so that choir are able to practice. Without the dedication of our staff, we would not be able to put on these special events.

On Tuesday, we had a **Drumba Workshop** for children in Y1 to Y6. This was a fantastic mix of drumming and Zumba keeping the children fit whilst developing their music skills. These sessions were enormous fun! Tegan Year 4 said, "It was fun and I liked how we moved about while we played the drums. It was great how our families didn't have to pay for it too!"

Next week have our **Christmas concert** at St Mary's on **Wednesday** for children in Y1 to Y6. Please come and join us as we would love to see you.

On **Thursday**, we have our **Christmas Fair** after school. Any **donations** that you can make of **cakes, teddies and prizes** would be much appreciated. Raffle tickets are still available to buy and we have lots of amazing prizes. Please tell your family and friends to come along after school on Thursday as we would love to see you all.

We have two offers to **support with money-saving**. Firstly, we have **free radiator keys** to 'bleed' your radiators for anyone who would like one. According to British gas bleeding your radiators regularly can **save you up to £250** a year. These can be collected from the school office.

We also have **free Sim cards** with 2 different offers. The first is 20GB data with £15 credit per month as well as unlimited minutes and texts for 6 months. The second Sim card offers 20GB data with unlimited UK calls and texts for 6 months. Again, if anyone would like one of these, please pop into the office to collect one. These will be provided **one per family, whilst stocks last**, and need to be activated before March.

Please see the Upcoming Dates below for the details of the seasonal events taking place over the next few weeks.

We have been asked to share some information with you by Shropshire Local Authority following concerns being raised about a private tutor. This person has been offering his services to pupils who attend Primary Schools in the Shrewsbury area, despite being unqualified and unregulated. We have been asked to remind families that it is their responsibility to ensure that anyone they are "hiring" as a private tutor, has the appropriate credentials and safer recruitment checks in place.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Wiktorja Oak Sam Beech Lucas Beech
Charnai Oak Sienna Beech

UPCOMING EVENTS

December	
12 th	Year 3 and 4 – Kwik cricket festival (The team will receive a letter)
13 th	Year 1 – 6 Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's – 2pm
14 th	Key Stage 1 and 2 hockey festival (The team will receive a letter)
14 th	Christmas Fair – Lapland at Longlands
21 st	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
22 nd	Class Christmas parties
22 nd	Break up for Christmas
January	
2 nd – 5 th	Christmas HAF Active Holidays sessions
8 th	School reopens
9 th	Year 2 swimming
11 th	Reception and Year 6 height, weight check and Reception healthy teeth talk
11 th	Year 3 Read the Game
15 th	Application for Reception places 24/25 closes
16 th	Reception Vision screening
16 th	Year 2 swimming
17 th	Year 2 Library visit
18 th	Basketball competition (The team will receive a letter)

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns Ruby
Saplings Tommy P
Fir Alanah
Willow Jude
Maple Archie M
Rowan Mehtan
Elm Hunter
Beech Sienna
Oak Oly

