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# Newsletter

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016



Dear Parents,

What are we doing for Christmas? What shall I ask for in my letter to Santa? Will they like the present I bought them? Champagne or sherry for drinks? Whose turn is it to drive home? Why was Jesus born?

I am guessing most of us will ask ourselves some of these questions over this festive period. I wonder how many of us have thought about the last one, especially when life is so busy and exciting?

The last week of the autumn school term can be a little bonkers! What with school plays, Christmas parties, games, and general build-up of excitement towards the Big Ho-Ho we can easily forget why we celebrate Christmas in the first place. So I asked the children 'Why was Jesus born?' in my Wonder Wednesday assembly and it left a few scratching their heads.

So the Star of Bethlehem helped try and explain it in our Christmas service at St Giles church today: God created the world and gave us the chance to love and obey Him. Unfortunately we turned our back on God and started doing lots of bad things and this stopped us from knowing His love. So God chose to send His Son Jesus into this world, to show us his love, and make friends with us again, forever. See if your child can remember the song from a book in the Bible: John 3:16...

That was an amazing gift for God to give us and is something worth remembering and celebrating during this time of advent. The four candles in the advent wreath represent Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. They will mean different things to all of us depending on our current circumstances and we need to be mindful of those who will not be having such a happy time. The Good News of this Christmas message is that Jesus was born so that every single one of us can find hope, peace, love and joy in our lives and that is definitely something worth celebrating.

However you are spending your Christmas this year, I hope that it is everything you want it to be and a little bit more.

Have a lovely holiday

Andrew Denham

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### Babushka Play



One bossy and tidy grandmother has her heart melted by the arrival of a new born baby King. Well done Blake and Dahl Class.

### Nativity Play



There was a host of heavenly angels and the cutest of children performing the Christmas story. Well done Murphy and Donaldson Class.

### Christmas Party



FOSS, parents and teaching assistants came together to put on some party food for the children. A jolly time was had by all!

### FOSS Bingo & Christmas Fayre



Once again, FOSS organised two fantastic events that have been greatly appreciated by the school community. £1,128 was raised between the Bingo and Fayre. THANK-YOU. The cake stall would make Mary Berry proud!

### Father Christmas



Father Christmas was joined by his wife Mrs Christmas and an elf as they toured the school and gave all the good children a little gift.

We come back on...  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January



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