Dear Parents

It's been a busy few days at school, as ever and I haven't got round to posting all the photos and video footage of the Christmas celebrations, but keep checking this page for when I do https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/ I'll aim to get this done before Christmas Day!

We had a lovely final assembly of the term today with Christmas singing led by Mr Charles-Nelson. We were thrilled to also welcome back Mrs Holly and Ms Phillips – both looking very rested in their retirement. The winner of the big red car was chosen – Ruby King's little brother! We also enjoyed looking at the Christmas pet competition entries. It was impossible for Mrs Roper and Willow to choose winners, but she eventually did and sweets were given to all the winners and runners up. Thank you to everyone who entered – we loved seeing the pictures. Another cause for celebration was our Site Manager receiving an award for 25 years' service to the Council! He received a framed certificate and a round of applause! Thanks to him for all he does for the school (23 years here).

<u>Treats, treats and more treats!</u> The Friends committee treated all the children to a professional Panto in school on Tuesday. Much fun was had and the children thoroughly enjoyed it – oh no they didn't, oh yes they did! The treats didn't end there – the staff were also treated to a buffet of sweet treats at morning break and then pizza for lunch! Huge thanks to the Committee for setting up the table so beautifully – it was such a special treat and most appreciated!

<u>Christmas Dinner</u> – The staff and children enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Monday. Thank you to Joyce and her team in the kitchen who provided over 400 meals that day!

<u>Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)</u> – More thanks to all those families who have donated the most wonderful things for the OPAL project! We are all very excited to get them out into the playground in January!

Diary Dates

Thursday 4th January – School opens for the Spring term

Week beginning Monday 15th January – auditions for "A Star Is Born" the talent show for anyone who likes to sing or dance!

All the staff and I have been overwhelmed by your gifts, cards and kind words – thank you all for your generosity and I wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday! May the peace of Christ enter your hearts and homes over this festive period.

Kind regards Kate Baptiste Headteacher