

# The Thomas' Times

NEW YEAR SPECIAL EDITION 2018

EDITION 3

## School Council Update HAPPY NEW YEAR

*By Esme, Finlay, Amalia and Sophie (Year 6 chairs)*

In December we've had a very busy month, we've had Christmas plays (which were all amazing), a Carol Service, a visit from Santa, a Christmas Fayre and much more... In January so far, we have had New Year and the Feast of Epiphany (With a Mass). We have all enjoyed learning about the true meaning of Christmas (Jesus' birth).

The whole school agrees that we had an amazing and fun 2017 but we are really looking forward to being the best we can be in 2018! We have come up with resolutions for our fantastic School just like you have made ones for yourself. We want to make our school even better than it already is.

This year, we want to have a STOC Factor (it doesn't have to be singing!!!), we want to improve our parking and improve our lunches. We also hope to make our school healthier, ensuring everyone has healthy snacks. Keep your eyes open for exciting new updates!



### Netball Tournament

On the 30th of November 8 girls from St. Thomas competed in a tough netball tournament at Surrey Sports Park. Our first match was against Guildford Grove; everyone played exceptionally well and we won with a score of 8-0. The next match was against Queen Eleanor's. It was a tricky match but we managed to draw 2-2. We then played St. Joseph's and we all kept going but even though it was a hard game we won 1-0. Next came Northmead, we won with a great score of 7-0. Next came St Bede's this was a tough match and our final score was 1-0 to us. Finally, we played Holy Trinity, this was the hardest match and unfortunately we lost 7-3. Overall we drew second on points so it came down to goals. Sadly, Queen Eleanor's scored more goals than us so we came third. (by Esme 6G)

### Windsor Castle

Windsor Castle was fun and I saw a picture of the Queen. I saw the flags that meant the Queen was home. We had loads of fun and it was really cool. The castle was built in the olden days and it was really big. We had lunch there and we saw St George's Chapel. There were lots of candles and there were even some stain glass windows. We saw lots and lots of soldiers marching. All in all it was a great day for Year 1.

By Joshua  
(1C)



# **Christmas** **jokes ( to tell** **your friends)**

Q. What is the first thing elves learn at school?

**A: The Elf-abet**

Q. What do you call Santa if he goes down a lit chimney?

**A: Crisp Cringle**

Q: Why is it always cold at Christmas?

**A: Because it's in Decembrrrrrr**

Q. What do reindeer eat for breakfast?

**A. Deerios**

Q. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing ?

**A: Because they always drop their needles.**

Q. What does Frosty have for breakfast?

**A. Ice crispies**

Q. What do you call a box full of ducks at Christmas?

**A. box of Christmas Quakers!**

Q. Mum, can I have a dog for Christmas?

**A. No, you'll have turkey like everyone else!**

Q. What's never hungry at Christmas?

**A. turkey, it's always stuffed!**

Q. What's the best Christmas present?

**A. broken drum, you can't beat it!**

Q. What goes oh, oh, oh?

**A. Santa walking backwards!**

Q. What is an elf's favourite music?

**A. Wrapping**

Q. What does Santa say when he steps into a puddle?

**A. It must have rained 'ere!**

Q. Who hides in bakeries on Christmas night?

**A. Mince Spies**

Q. What carol is sung in the desert?

**A. Camel ye Faithful**

# Games Page



Bauble

Frankincense

Gold

Idle

Jesus

Manger

New Year

Reindeer

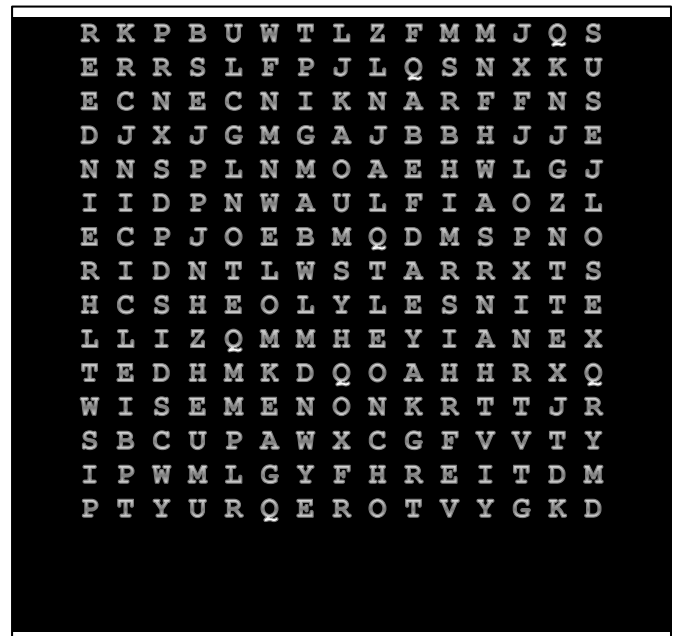
Snowball

Star

Tinsel

Tree

Wisemen



By Lucie and Katie

## Story Word Jumble

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By Lucy and Charlie (6G)

# Christmas Day

Christmas is about giving not receiving.

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO REMEMBER JESUS' BIRTH. IT IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE YEAR, AND THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO US. ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> WE CELEBRATE THE TIME WE SHARE WITH OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

WE ENJOY:

OPENING PRESENTS

GIVING PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS DINNER

SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY

We must remember those less fortunate than us and take a time to pray for them over the Christmas period and always.

## Past Year Highlights

Dear all,

Hope you enjoyed your Xmas holidays and shared great memories with your families and friends. I want you to all reflect on the past year and the exciting activities we all participated in as a school. For instance Science week, School discos, Sports day, Residential trips, Topic celebrations, Ann Milton and many more.

I hope you and your families have made your New Year's Resolutions that you can use this year to be very successful in and out of school. We can all be a better person in school by making  $S=P+A+C+E$  for our learning, believing in ourselves, having the confidence to speak out and let our voices to be heard and to take the time to think of others before ourselves.

The year to come...

2017 has been an excellent year full of opportunities for us to get a grasp on. But 2018 has just begun another year for you to make your mark be successful and remember to be KIND! I hope this newspaper has inspired you and you enjoyed reading it.

Christine 5P



# YEAR 5&6 ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017, year 5 and 6 presented a peaceful Advent service for all the parents and guardians. We first sang Christ be our light with the orchestra playing beautifully and you could hear the faint sound of tambourines from the percussion.

Then we had some thoughtful readings about God creating the world and how he brought light to us. We then sang a song that a lot of people like, watching and waiting!

By Eva & Rebecca 5P



On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the year fives and sixes put on the annual Advent Carol Service. Through hymns and readings we narrated the story of the Lord's birth. There was an outstanding orchestra, made up of violins, cellos, recorders, clarinets and even a cornet (played by Mr Lewin) and trumpet!

The hymns were sung by the spectacular choir! They sang beautifully. Since it was my first time ever doing an Advent service, I was nervous, and I had always felt that something

would go wrong, but it didn't! A week before this moving service, the year fives had prepared some lovely lanterns. These lanterns had different shapes on them, and through the breaks in the shapes, there was a gentle glow shining through. This gave the church a warm, welcoming feeling.

A crib was placed in front of the altar and we all reflected on the true meaning of Christmas.

By Emma Sherratt, 5P/St Paul

# The Christmas Carol

The Christmas carol service was performed by the year 5 and year 6 on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in St Pius to our parents. The carol service was very peaceful and calming, the orchestra was lead by our music teacher Dr Mather.

All the songs were very calming especially the Hail Mary with all the signing and singing.

It is was very lovely how there was different instruments this year like the trumpet and clarinet.



By Pui Pui  
Yin 5A



## ***What the year 6's have been up to:***

***During December we did an Advent Carol Service at St. Pius, we sang songs and narrated the story of Christmas. All parents were invited to see the service. On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of December we had Victorian Christmas activities, which included making truffles, a Victorian bauble, we made a Victorian style Christmas card and also made something of our own choice. We had a Christmas Fair on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, everyone who attended had lots of fun, as they could take part in lots of amazing activities, such as Bottle and Chocolate Tombola, a crafts stand for little children, Mr Lewin's favours, toy and teddy stand, cupcake stand, Jolly jar, Busy Beading stand and last but not least S.A.N.T.A.S GROTTO. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of January we had a mass about epiphany.***

***By Clara, Marysia and Katie (6N) J***





# Origami Club Starting

## Attention

All artists there is a new club starting: Origami Club. If you want to join then come to the Year 5 shared area. Please bring 50p a week if you want to join!

This is for KS2 only and the club will happen during lunchtime.



## How we used a growth mind-set to ride a Segway



On new year's eve 2017 we used perseverance to learn how to ride a Segway, it took a lot of time and effort to not fall off and hurt yourself. To go forwards you need to lean forwards. To go backwards you must lean backwards, which is very nerve racking. To get on you put one foot on and then quickly followed by the other foot, and to get off you will need to also step off quickly.

As hard as it sounds it is very fun and we both think that you would enjoy it.

By William 5A and Daniel 5P

# DICK WITTINGTON PANTOMIME



Grace and Olivia went to Dick Whittington Pantomime together. It was AWESOME!

At the end Dick Whittington and Alice had a wedding ,they even kissed. We had Cherry Pepsi ,cookies and sweets . The evil rat even ate our Pringles!

Grace had chocolate ice cream and Olivia had vanilla. Every time Jack came on we would all have to say 'LAID BACK JACK!'

By Grace and Olivia 4P

## Windsor castle

Windsor Castle was the best. 1C went to Winsor Castle for a school trip. Niamh and Zara loved the merry dolls house. The castle was very big . We were very excited to go on the coach and Windsor Castle.

By Niamh and Zara in1C



# **YEAR 3/4 CHRISTMAS PLAY!**

## **A NATIVITY NIGHTMARE**

OUR YEAR 3 AND 4 CHRISTMAS PLAY WAS A GREAT BIG SUCCESS. IT HAD LOTS OF FUNNY PARTS AND IS GREAT TO WATCH!



**It's an amazing story about teachers trying to put on a play but the children are a bit cheeky. You should buy it on DVD.**

Watch it watch it it's so cool

Watch it watch it it's so great

Watch it watch it and then say...

BEST EVER CHRISTMAS PLAY!

# THE NATIVITY STORY

How the Nativity story started .There was a young lady named Mary .One day the Lord sent an Angel named Gabriel he said “Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy.” Then the Angel disappeared into Heaven again. Mary thought about the Angel’s message. She said “What an honour for Lord to choose me.”

So after that Mary told Joseph that they were going to have a baby named Jesus. They were very excited but when they heard that they had to travel to the place of their birth they weren’t that happy. So Joseph bought a donkey and they travelled to Bethlehem so they could be counted.

When they arrived in Bethlehem they knocked on the doors of lots of inns but they were all full. When they arrived at the last inn they were offered a stable for the night.

Meanwhile some Shepherds were watching their sheep on a hill when some angels appeared to them. They were surprised, shocked and frightened but the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, we bring news of great joy. Go to a stable in Bethlehem because a baby saviour is being born in a manger.”

Three wise men (magi) were watching the stars when they saw a really big star. They decided to follow it because they knew it would lead them to a new born King. They brought three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and decided to go to King Herod to see if he knew anything. He called them to a secret meeting and told them, “Go and find him and when you do, come back and tell me where he is so that I too can go and worship him.”

That night Jesus was born in a stable wrapped in pieces of clothes. There were the shepherds, wise men, Jesus Mary and Joseph.

