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Christmas Edition Newsletter 2018

Mrs Code's Message

Welcome to our Christmas Edition newsletter at this very busy time of the year for us all.

Our Christmas tree is looking magnificent in the atrium and, once again, we are decorating baubles with the names of those special to us. Reminders of how special this time of year is are constantly around us and the generosity of parents, staff and students is always something extremely impressive.

We are celebrating the birth of Jesus and the hope and eternal light we have, thanks to this. Students will have lots of opportunities to reflect on how we celebrate this most special occasion. Our prayer room is open for staff and students to allow us some quiet reflection at this busiest of times.

A special thank you from all the Governors, staff and me for all of your support during 2018 and we wish you a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year.

Jo Code
Headteacher



Friends of St Hilda's (FOSH) Christmas Fayre 2018

Our first FOSH Christmas Fayre took place on Sunday 9th December. The Friends of St Hilda's have been working hard on several events to raise much-needed funds for the school! Our bingo nights have been really well-attended and the Christmas Fayre has been the icing on the cake for us! There were lots of stalls, many with a Christmas theme, so people could get their presents. St Hilda's honey was on sale and we could also sponsor a bee! In case you don't know, we have our own hives and this is our honey from our bees. It sold out in 10 minutes! We also had The Golden Key where you paid £1 to get to open a box containing money with one of the many keys! Well done to all the winners!

We had a very special visitor too! Santa came to visit and speak to the children. Many were very surprised at how much Santa knew about them, but he does know everything!!

An event like this takes a lot of organisation and support. My huge thanks to FOSH, Mr Martin and a special mention to Mr Hale, who is representing Barclays and arranging for the money we raised to be matched by Barclays, which obviously means a great deal to us all!



The Tone Roses & Christmas Carols

On Sunday 9th December The Tone Roses had their annual Christmas Concert at St Hilda's CE High School.

The Roses performed a variety of songs and carols from the classic *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* to the heart-warming carol *Mary did you know?* They were joined by members of the St Hilda's music department who impressed the audience with their high standard of performance. The £1020.40 raised will be split between Marie Curie, a charity very close to the Roses hearts and Encontro Com Deus, a charity in Brazil working with victims of domestic violence and vulnerable children. Anna Mason and Georgia Norris will be travelling with the charity in February. We are very proud of you both!

On Friday 7th December students from 7-12 and members of staff from the music department braved the wind, rain and cold to go carolling in support of Marie Curie charity on Allerton Road and helped to raise over £500!



Hampers

As usual, students, staff and parents/carers of St Hilda's have been incredibly generous with their donations to make up our hampers. These will be delivered on Thursday to South Liverpool Foodbank and will make a real difference to many people, particularly at this time of year.

Special thanks to Mrs O'Neill for arranging this and to all of you who donated.

ST HILDA'S CAROL SERVICE 2018

Our Carol Service this year was amazing. I was delighted to see so many parents and carers joining us. There are so many members of staff involved in making this truly special event happen and I would like to thank them all, in particular Mrs O'Neill, Mrs McCann, Mrs Kaddour, Mrs Sinnott and Mr Charlesworth. The music was exquisite and it was the first time that St Hilda's Boys' Choir performed at the service. Wow! St Hilda's really does have talent in all of its singers and musicians.

A special thanks to Angel Tomlinson, Elle Frith, Joseph Morris and Will Greenall for their dramatised performance; you really got the message across.

Our chaplain, Mike Wildsmith, was as engaging as ever with his captivating 'speech' on the importance of light, with a bit of 'magic' thrown in.

Its really important to remember the true meaning of Christmas. I am guilty of getting caught up with the material side of this time of year; worries about presents, turkeys, cards... The Carol Service and other such events remind me of how lucky I am to have the job I have and to work with such wonderful people, staff and students alike.



Goodbyes

We sadly have to say goodbye to several members of staff.

Mrs Robinson, Head of PE and Assistant Headteacher is leaving us to take up a leadership post closer to home.

Miss McDonald, Exams Officer, has decided to dust off her passport and go travelling to exciting and exotic places.

Mrs Hawkins, HLTA, is joining the Civil Service.

Mr O'Callaghan, teacher of English and Media, is taking a break from teaching.

However long they have been here, we thank them for all of their hard work and commitment to St Hilda's.

They will be sorely missed, but remain part of the St Hilda's family.

On behalf of the staff and governors of St Hilda's, I wish you all every blessing for this important time of year and a happy and healthy 2019.

Thank you for all of your continued support!

Jo Code

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Key Dates

Finish for Christmas break:

midday Friday 21st December

Return to school:

Monday 7th January 2018

Reports:

Year 7—Tuesday 18th December

Year 8—Wednesday 30th January

Year 9—Monday 11th February

Year 10—Wednesday 19th January

Year 11—Wednesday 16th January

Year 12—Friday 18th January

Year 13—Friday 11th January

