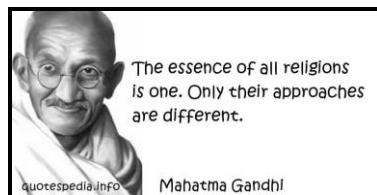


A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week we have been looking at different faith festivals across the world:



OH CHRISTMAS TREE! OH CHRISTMAS TREE! HOW LOVELY ARE YOUR BRANCHES! – What a fantastic turn out we had for our Tree Decorating Service this year. If you have not had the chance to see how the children and some parents, have helped to transform our tree with their beautiful and very creative homemade decorations then please make sure you pop in after school for a quick look. Pictures of the service and the fantastic array of decorations will be posted on the news page section on the school website. Thank you to all who were able to attend and for sharing their joy of singing with gusto and enthusiasm! Mr Anderson was our star tree decorator this year, reaching great heights to ensure no branch was left without a decoration. What a wonderful way to start our festive celebrations. We also called on our real life angel, Mrs Lea, to turn on the Christmas tree lights. After a count down from 10 the children gasped with amazement as the tree came to life with a colourful show of twinkly lights. The tree, kindly donated by the Baileys, will have a second showing this year as, once term has come to an end, it will be moved to the centre of the village where it can continue to bring joy to the whole community. Please don't worry about your decorations though, they will be returned to the children before the end of term so that they can be put on your own Christmas trees at home.

FANTASTIC, FESTIVE FUN AT THE FAYRE! – One of our favourite fund raising events of the year was yet again a storming success. The fayre, which was held at school on Friday evening, was well attended by the whole community. This year saw a record number of stalls where the quality of product was something to certainly spend your money on. After expenses, the fayre raised well over £1000. A big thank you to everyone who supported this event and to the formidable FOPS team for their enthusiasm, dedication and drive to raise money for the children. I'd like to say a special thank you to Rona King, Susie Matthews, Sarah McConnell and Leota Morris for the amount of time they have put into the arrangements leading up to this wonderful event.

COMING UP! FESTIVE FILM AND WREATH MAKING NIGHT! – There is still so much more to come for the children and the adults at Perran-ar-Worthal School before this term draws to a close. On Friday this week we will be holding the Festive Fund Raising Film Night where the children will be able to come to share a film with their friends whilst parents enjoy some down time which could include a wreath making session in the school hall. If you feel like having a go the mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer to help you get your foliage into some sense of order. For £5 you will be provided with all you need to make a beautiful decoration for your front or back door with refreshments thrown in for free. Whilst you are being creative, for £3 your children will be given a yummy bag of 'not so healthy' goodies and a drink whilst they chill with their friends in front of a festive film. Please could we ask that you complete and return the form sent out today indicating which film you would like your child to watch. £3 for entry and refreshments can be paid on the night. We would also ask if you could let the office know if you wish to attend the wreath making session as this will

enable FOPS to gage how much foliage will need to be prepared and refreshments that need to be available. Payment for the wreath making can also be done on the night. We look forward to seeing you all there.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – A lovely child centred service was held at St Piran’s Church on Sunday which told the story of the Christingle. The children and members of the adult choir that attended the service, where invited to sing as part of the order of service. A wonderful experience was had by all in a beautiful setting.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS ARE READY TO BEGIN – Songs have been learnt, words have been rehearsed and acting has been polished. The children are now ready for their performances and what wonderful shows parents and grandparents have to look forward to. It will be the first Christmas show for some of our new Puffins and the last Christmas show for our Year 6 children and of course our dear Mrs Lea, who has always amazed us with how she has enabled the children to perform to such a high standard. I have no doubt that this year will be even better than last, if that is at all possible! We look forward to sharing our festive shows with you over these final two weeks of term.

POORLY STAFF – As you are aware, Mrs Read and Miss Braddon have been poorly over the last few days. We are now pleased to see Miss Braddon back with us and we hope to see Mrs Read back with us sometime this week. We would just like to thank parents for their understanding whilst the office has been manned by a range of staff who have not always had the answer to every question but have got by with a sense of humour and parents who have been very patient. Thank you for your support. We hope to be back to normal soon. We wish Mrs Read all the best and look forward to having her winning smile at the front desk before the end of the week.

TEAM POINT WINNERS - We will include the team point winners in next week's newsletter. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

FOPS UPDATE

Firstly a big thank you to everyone that attended the Christmas Fayre, both children and adults seemed to having a great time. Thank for all of your contributions towards the hampers – they looked amazing! Also many thanks to all of the parents that helped out on stalls, refreshments etc, we could not have done it all with you!

Film Night, Friday , 9th December. Film choices are being sent out today and will need to be returned to the school office. If children could arrive at 5.45pm wearing their PJs/onesie, bring a pillow/blanket. Films will start promptly at 6pm and children will be ready to be collected at 7.45pm. There will be a charge of £3 per child payable on the night, to include a drink and a snack in the film interval.

Wreath Making, Friday, 9th December 6-7.45pm Whilst your children are watching their movie, instead of going home to come back again, why not stay and make a festive wreath, or even two, to display on your front door or gate.

All items required will be provided, complimentary mulled wine or a soft drink, a mince pie and some festive Michael Buble singing along in the background! All for just £5 per wreath, again payable on the night. Instead of selling tickets, if you able to stay, please leave your name at reception, this will help us with catering numbers; don't want run out of mince pies!

Look forward to seeing you there, if you have any questions please speak to myself, Rona King or Susie Matthews. Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary **Thank you!**