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Thank you to all, staff, parents, governors and pupils for bringing this first term of the academic year to such a marvellous close with so many highlights that provide such an excellent start to our Christmas Season.

*We wish everyone a
Happy and Holy Christmas
With every blessing in the New Year*



END OF YEAR PRODUCTIONS

Nursery Concert: Well done to all our Nursery staff on yet another very good Christmas production achieved with restricted access to hall time. Our am and pm sessions worked well together and most appeared to enjoy performing.

Reception, Years 1 and 2: thrilled us all over the afternoon and two evening performances. This was a heart warming lead up to Christmas and again all credit to staff and pupils.

Junior Carol Concert: The annual Carol Concert held this year at St Andrew's provided a fitting reminder of the meaning of Christmas. My thanks to all staff and especially Miss Balzan and

Mr Brown for their musical input. The children were complimented on their reverence and singing and I thank you for ensuring the children were present and well supported by a full congregation.

The charity collections across three evening performances and from the 26th Croydon Cubs raised a total of £800 to which we still have to add the children's fundraising projects. A final total will be confirmed next term. We will pass this on to Matthew Forward at an assembly next term and look forward to receiving news of the rebuilding of the school in India and the benefits resulting from your generosity. Many thanks for making such a real difference.

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE RECOGNITION

Time certainly passes quickly. It is three years since we first received IIP recognition and we, therefore, faced reassessment under a new framework. I am pleased to be able to confirm that our Assessor, Gemma Grace, confirmed she would be recommending continued accreditation and that she felt we have moved forward significantly since her visit three years ago. My thanks to our senior staff team for their work in preparing for the assessment, to the 21 people (staff and governors) interviewed as part of the process and a big thank you to our School Council representatives who once again made a very big impression at their interview. A great achievement on which to end the term.

NEW YEAR KEEP FIT

Why not consider joining the excellent Keep Fit class run between 7 and 8 pm every Monday night in the school hall. The current small, friendly group would welcome new participants so why not make it a New Year's resolution to join. Lizzie is a very experienced instructor and would welcome new members. Costs are low at £3 per night. Classes recommence on Monday 9th January 2006.

MISS ZBARAWSKA

Thanks you to so many who have extended their best wishes to Miss Zbarawska. Her progress remains very slow and her family would appreciate your continued prayers over Christmas.

SCHOOL CHOIR: The active retirement group at St Andrew's spoke very highly of our choir following their singing to them last week. Our choir clearly go from strength to strength and are to be commended on their work. This has been further recognised in a letter received praising them following their participation in the recent Fairfield Halls concert.

YEAR ONE also did us proud on their recent visit to the National Gallery. Several members of the public approached staff commending them on the children's participation, attentiveness, good behaviour and smart appearance. Thank you year one for being such good ambassadors for our school.

BOOK FAIR: Your support for this year's Book Fair raised a total of £1,100 worth of books for the school by way of commission. Thanks to Mrs Lawless and Mrs Faik for managing Book Fair week. Your support has enabled us to significantly increase our non-fiction book resources.

AND FINALLY thanks from all staff for the wonderful cards and gifts received. If it has not been possible to acknowledge these individually we would ask you to accept this general thank you as confirmation that your kindness and support is much appreciated by us all. Enjoy your Christmas break and our good wishes to you all for 2006.

