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Newsletter 8

19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## *This term's core value: Honesty*



Dear Parents and Carers

Well, we've had concerts, the panto, crafts, Christmas lunch, a party, a nativity and even some snow! The last couple of weeks have been busy but such great fun. Christmas is an amazing and magical time in school and I wouldn't swap the busyness for the world. Thank you for letting us have such fun with your children.

### Christmas concert donations for GOSH

Thank you so much for all your kind donations at the Christmas concerts. We are still counting the donations for Great Ormond Street Hospital but there was an awful lot, we will let you know the final amount in our next newsletter.

### Christmas jumper day

We all enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers and raised a fantastic £114.25 for Save the Children.

### Mix 96 Toy appeal

Thank you for your donations for the Mix 96 toy appeal, our School Council delivered the toys today.

### Thank you to the Church team

Thank you to all the team who worked so hard to put on the Christmas craft morning yesterday. The children had a fantastic time.





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## Kind gestures from Thea and Merryn

We wanted to mention a lovely gesture from Thea (Rainbow 1) and Merryn (Sky 1). Thea was christened on November 19<sup>th</sup> and the girls rather selflessly decided to give her Christening gifts to the Mix 96 toy appeal. How lovely.



## Thank you

A huge thank you to all of you from all the staff for your cards, gifts and well wishes. We are all very grateful and overwhelmed by your kindness. Thank you so, so much.

## Coming in 2018.....

We have lots of exciting things planned already! 2018 for Haddenham St Mary's is going to be all about wellbeing for all. We are teaming up with Abbeyfield Haddenham in a project inspired by the Channel 4 programme 'Old People's Home For Four Year Olds'. We will be holding lots of emotional, physical and 'everything wellbeing' activities throughout the year. I am also hoping to set up regular coffee mornings for busy parents who need to stop for ten minutes and share a few minutes to offload about the trials and tribulations of life and having young children! I'm calling these 'Hurrah for Coffee'. Some of you might recognise the inspiration behind that!

We are still yet to have an official classroom opening and we have a huge time capsule to bury too. It's going to be an exciting year.

Now all that is left to say is to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. I think my favourite question of the week from a child was: "Mrs Collett, do you wish it could be Christmas every second?" My answer was "yes, I probably do", it's just fantastic being with all these lovely children at this time of year.

Have a wonderful, wonderful time and the sparkliest Christmas ever!

Best wishes

Mrs Karen Collett  
Headteacher



# Haddenham St Mary's Church of England School

*Committed to excellence, care and fun for all.*



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## Haddenham St Mary's Church of England School Calendar

Buckinghamshire Term Dates 2017 - 2018		
Autumn Term 1 2017	Wednesday 6 September 2017	Friday 20 October 2017
Autumn Term 2 2017	Monday 30 October 2017	Tuesday 19 December 2017
Spring Term 1 2018	Thursday 4 January 2018	Friday 9 February 2018
Spring Term 2 2018	Monday 19 February 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018
Summer Term 1 2018	Monday 16 April 2018	Friday 25 May 2018
Summer Term 2 2018	Monday 4 June 2018	Friday 20 July 2018

Haddenham St Mary's INSET Days 2017 - 18		
Monday 4 September 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017	Wednesday 3 January 2018
Monday 23 July 2018	Tuesday 24 July 2018	

Calendar of Events: Autumn Term 2017	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school for Spring Term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	WOW Day for all classes

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