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Head of Pre-prep - Introduction

Dear Parents,

The Pre-Prep has fully embraced the festivities of this season. The excitement all began last Wednesday with a flurry of snow, which for many of our children signalled that Christmas had arrived and how right they were! After learning about the natural symmetry of snowflakes, the children had their final Nativity rehearsal and the stage was set for the Christmas story to be told.

On Friday afternoon the Pre-Prep Nativity 'Rock Around the Flock' was performed in St Mary Magdalene Church, Madingley; this was the first time that children and parents from both sites were gathered together. The church was full and the children entertained the audience with kazoos, French songs, twirling angels and Kings distributing gifts to the guests. It was a pleasure to see the children's enjoyment in working together to tell the story. Thank you to all those who attended the Nativity and thank you for your generosity; we raised £100 for Children in Need and £98 for the church fund.

The excitement continued this week with the Christmas parties. The children donned their party hats, showing off their creative talents. In the City they wore reindeer hats complete with a tongue and antlers and at Madingley they made a variety of sparkly crowns. Even Father Christmas commented on the children's artistic skills when he popped in to see them during the Christmas parties.



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Then the day came that the children had all been waiting for - Christmas Lunch! Was it the turkey that they were most excited about eating or the roast potatoes? No, it was the Christmas cookies and ice cream! The children pulled their crackers and told each other jokes, while they ate the traditional first course and then tucked into the not so traditional second course!

More treats were in store as our Reception class at Madingley and our Year 1 and 2 children in the City celebrated Hannukah this week. Mrs Sugarman-Banaszak and Mrs Weatherley kindly came into school to help the children learn about the traditions and celebrations of Hannukah. Many thanks to both Mrs Sugarman-Banaszak and Mrs Weatherley for giving up their time, it is very much appreciated.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Pre-Prep families a relaxing and healthy Christmas and a very happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday, 9 January.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Holyoake
Head of Pre-Prep