Dear Parents
What an exciting, successful term this has been! May I on behalf of the staff wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. As ever, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to seeing the pupils on Monday 7 January and thank you as ever for the support you give to school.

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Carol Service

Congratulations to all concerned with the Carol Service. One of the best ever I feel and anyone who did not take part really missed out on a very special occasion. The confidence shown by everyone from the Early Years to the Students was a delight to see.

Sincere thanks to Mrs Sewell and Miss Monique who helped the pupils and students perform so competently.

An amazing £267 was collected after the service to be shared between the church and school charities. Thank you for your generosity.

Many thanks also to the PTA for organising the refreshments and the raffle. The winners are listed overleaf.

DVDs of the service may be ordered direct from Mr Steve Liles steve.liles@blueyonder.co.uk at a cost of £17 including p&p per item. Only 9 have been ordered so far, 7 short of the amount needed to make it viable to purchase the necessary licence. I appreciate these are difficult economic times but would hate to lose Steve as a videographer.

Out Of This World Christmas

Congratulations to all the Prep School pupils who performed superbly to a packed house on Friday.

Thank you to the Prep School staff, Miss Monique and Mrs Sewell for all their hard work.

One comment received was ‘got to say the dancing and animation really made the play exceptional, even if it is the first nativity I’ve ever seen with Aliens!!’

It is not too late to order a copy of the DVD if you want to relive the ‘Out Of This World’ experience! See above for Steve Liles’ contact details.

Charity Fund Raising

I am delighted to report that, even with the reduced number of tills and of course the recession, £512.60 was raised for the Coventry Children’s Boot Fund by pupils from Years 8 to 11. We have received numerous comments from customers and staff at the store about how helpful and polite our children were, as if they would be otherwise! Well done to all 22 pupils involved, especially Head Girl Ellie and Year 8 pupil Grace P, who both worked a double shift.

Our end of term non-uniform day raised £146.20 for Children in Need.
PTA News

Winners of the PTA Christmas raffle are:

1st – Android Tablet Ticket No 00607 Grace Downing
2nd – Tickets for Coventry Blaze Ticket No 00553 – Dawny
3rd – Fruit Basket Ticket No 00752 – Julie Faulkner
4th – Thorntons Chocolates Ticket No 01086 – Limara Davis
5th – Teddy No Ticket No 00641 – William McKissock
6th – Baylis & Harding set Ticket No 00537 – M Gallagher
7th – Bottle of Wine Ticket No 00566 – M Wagstaff
8th – Beauty Voucher Ticket No 00586 – Mrs Baguley
9th – Christmas Cake Ticket No 00488 – Tone Tse
10th – Bottle of Wine Ticket No 00275 – Pete Thompson
11th – Beauty Voucher Ticket No 01312 – Bola
12th – Beauty Voucher Ticket No 01318 – Tutie
13th – Florist Voucher Ticket No 00378 – Mrs Rigby

All prizes have been distributed

We do still have a limited number of 2013 Calendars available at £2. If you would like a calendar please send in £2 stating your preference of ‘Aliens’, ‘Astronauts & Robots’, ‘Stars’ or ‘Nativity’. The numbers are very limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Choir

Many congratulations to the pupils and students whose singing has been greatly appreciated by the various members of the community that they have been entertaining.

The Chamber Choir, (Erin Y8, Molly B & Amelia Y9, Harriet, Libby & Mawgan Y10), who sang so beautifully at the Prep School Christmas Production on Friday and in Church last night, have also sung with Mrs Sewell at the University Hospital and Victoria Park. The Upper Infants and Juniors sang at Milverton Gates and the students at Avon Care Centre, Stratford as well as performing a cabaret for the Jubilee Rotary Club.

New Year New Timetable & Staff News

Pupils and parents are aware that Miss Emily left at the end of term as her career takes a new direction. She will be missed by pupils and staff alike, who all had the opportunity to say goodbye to her on Tuesday. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her future.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Jessica Hughes, an experienced and qualified IDTA teacher, who also holds a B.A. Honours Degree in Dance as well as a PGCE. Miss Jessica spent last week shadowing Miss Emily and Miss Susan so that she could get to know the pupils before joining us at the start of the new term.

From January there will be some changes to the dance timetable which will be emailed to parents and will be available to download from the news page of our website on Friday 4 January.

On the first day of term, Miss Vicky and Miss Susan’s senior school classes will take place as usual. However other classes normally taught by Miss Emily on a Monday will be changing. Pupils will be notified at the start of term.

NB A reminder that pupils in Upper Infants, Lower Juniors and Upper Juniors will be attending sports coaching at Alan Higgs every Friday in the new year. This replaces the Tuesday swimming lesson.

Clive Mark Sale

Our uniform suppliers, Clive Mark, have nominated us as their School of the Week and are offering parents a 20% discount on all uniform purchased between 3 and 12 January.