



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 2nd December 2022



CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

On the 18th November 2022, the Junior School children crawled out of their beds and trugged into school all in aid of Children in Need. The School Councillors and a few other children generously provided cakes to sell and we had some lemonade to wash it all down. The event was organised by our newly established School Council and was an

overwhelming success with over £110 being raised for this worthwhile cause. The councillors are already considering our next event and we would like to thank parents, carers and children for your generosity.

MINSTER MINIS HANDBELL TEAM

I am very pleased with how committed the handbell ringers are and how well the rehearsals have gone, especially since we had a few new members join us in September. The handbells team consists of twelve ringers and we have been practising two carols and two pieces from our repertoire from last year. Mrs Wallis-Windle has asked us to perform at a concert on 19th December, to entertain some senior citizens from Southwell. We intend to perform the carols and both pieces, Clare de Lune and Frère Jacques, if time allows. The concert will be held in our Main Hall and is not open to Junior School parents, sadly.

Our new members have strengthened the team and allow us a little flexibility if one or two ringers cannot attend a rehearsal. One ringer with a broken hand, even comes to rehearsals and rings one handed each week!

We have embarked on the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain's Crescendo training scheme. This involves showing aptitude in many different aspects and covers notation, ring styles, music theory as well as proficiency in ringing handbells. Most team members have qualified in the level 1 programme (called pp) and will be receiving a badge and a certificate in due course from the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. There are four stages (pp, mp, mf and ff) with seventy areas of musicality to cover. I am confident that all ringers will be able to gain at least level three by the end of July 2023.

Due to increased demand, we have started a junior training group with Mr Dring and this group is learning to play Belleplates. We had a mini concert this week with both teams giving a performance to each other. I was so impressed with the standard of ringing from both teams. Well done all. If you think your child might like to take up handbells, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at j.gees@minster.notts.sch.uk

Mrs Gees

STARS OF THE WEEK

Elliot Haworth - seamless transitions between lessons.

Esther Schofield-Linnell— settling to tasks really quickly

MRS GEES' LUNCHTIME AWARD

Henry Merrix - for playing with everybody in the school and enjoying spending time with all of them

REMINDER FROM THE TEACHERS: please ensure your child has a warm coat in school and ensure all their clothes are clearly labelled!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 6th December

Pantomime

Thursday 8th December flu vaccinations

Wednesday 14th December

Junior Christmas Party 2—3pm

Wednesday 14th December

Junior Christmas Concert at 7pm at Southwell Minster

Handbells concert in school , 19th December at 1pm.

Wednesday 21st December Last

Day of Term

