

LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

## **Carol Service**

Our Carol Service will take place this evening at 7.00pm in Whitehead Presbyterian Church and we would love you to come along, if you were free.

- Y4 & Y5 children should plan to meet in the larger hall at the back of the church at 6.40pm. The children should wear their normal school uniform with their white polo shirt. Parents should hold on to any of the children's sweatshirts/coats etc.
- Y6 & Y7 children who are attending the Carol Service but not necessarily taking part can also meet in the larger hall at the back of the church. They should wear their school uniform and once again parents should hold on to any coats.
- Y6 & Y7 children who are singing in the choir, playing instruments or reading should meet in the smaller hall at the back of the church. These should wear their school uniform with white shirt and tie. Parents should hold on to any of the children's sweatshirts/coats etc.

At the end of the Carol Service one parent per child will be invited to come to the front of the church to collect their child. The children will remain with their teachers until they are collected by a parent.



The offering this evening will be for Cancer Research in memory of Mr Stephen Stewart. Stephen was one of our parents and each year at the Carol Service he was a great help to us. Stephen sadly died in August 2020 and this is the first Carol service that we have been able to have since he died. I know that we don't really carry cash any more but I would encourage to bring along some cash in order to support this very worthy cause. There will be pupils at the front door at the beginning and at the end of the service, in order to receive your offering.

## Twas' the Night Before Christmas

A huge thank you to our **special visitors** in school on Friday. From the moment that Mr & Mrs Claus arrived in school (courtesy of the PSNI) the children had an 'absolute ball'. It was a wonderful day in school and I want to say a big thank you to the PTA.

Members of the PTA were in school on Thursday night (until 10.30) transforming the literacy & numeracy support rooms. As you can see from the top picture, they did a fabulous job!! They were also in school all day on Friday organising the event and were still here on Friday afternoon at 4.30pm 're-transforming' the support rooms!! The lower picture shows some of the PTA members who helped out but there were some others, who unfortunately missed the photo.

Unfortunately, School Money encountered a few technical problems on Friday morning and some parents were unable to make their £3 donation. School Money is fully operational again and you would be able to make your donation now if you haven't already done so.

Organising PTA events like this is all about the children having a great time however school budgets have already been cut and will be cut even further next year and the additional money that PTA raise is becoming more and more important.



