

Wychwood (C.E.) School News

By the time you read this, Christmas will have long gone but I just wanted to say how we celebrated at school.

Nativity Plays

Our Foundation Stage children performed their nativity plays (one by the morning children and one by the afternoon ones) for parents and grandparents; you may have seen their pictures in the Oxford Mail. Both plays were excellent and a lovely start to our festive celebrations. Donations from parents after the performances raised over £100 that is being used to buy some new equipment. Next came our Key Stage 1 (infants) and Key Stage 2 (juniors) carol concerts, held this year in St Mary's Church, Shipton. Again these were excellent and the retiring collections raised over £400 for Helen House.

School Dinners are Winners!

Admiration must also go to our three school kitchen staff who cooked Christmas dinner for about 300 people at Wychwood and Leaffield Primary schools. We read reports in the press that school dinner uptake is falling, but our meals are so good that our numbers have increased by over 100%, from 50 a day to 130 a day, plus meals at Leaffield. County changes in menu, including fresh meat and vegetables, give our cook a



good base to provide very appetising meals for our pupils and staff.

Inspections

We had two inspections during the term. In early November we had an Ofsted inspection and were recognised as being "a good school" with many strong features.

This was followed by the National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools,

which focuses on our effectiveness as a Church School. Once again we received a good report, which recognised some "outstanding" features.

Praise must be given to all staff at Wychwood School who work so hard to provide all our pupils with the best education possible, meeting all the criteria of our mission statement which is:

"Wychwood CE Primary School is a caring community which aims to develop the qualities of our children to their full potential, enabling them to move on to the next phase of their education with confidence. We are committed to providing excellence of education and a love of learning in the context of Christian values".

Although a little late, may we wish everyone a happy and healthy 2008.

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