Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair on Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you. We particularly enjoyed our lovely choir and the choir from the church making us feel very festive. A HUGE thank you to the Friends of Benedict for all their hard work and time given to the school.

Your child’s calendar is available to buy from their class teacher for £1 if you were unable to come on Friday. We will let you know when we are having a cake sale this week.

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Our stars on 4th December were:
- IVY : Christoforos and Levi
- CHERRY- Nikol and Fatima
- OAK—Devayami and Sophia (who was our first silver star)
- ASH - Connie May and Kaitlyn
- BIRCH - Sankavi and Mohammed
- MAPLE - Hezekiah and Tanisha
- YEW - Megan and Sakina
- WILLOW - Yusuf and Jakub
- YEAR 6 - Shayden and Bryan (silver star)

WELL DONE EVERYONE

**BEST CLASS ATTENDERS LAST WEEK**

**WILLOW WIN THE EXTRA PLAYTIME FOR AMAZING ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK, 98.3% FANTASTIC!**

**MAPLE and YEW** were close behind with 97% followed by Ivy on 96.6%.

**THIS WEEK**

Language of this half term is Portuguese.

**Tuesday 10th December**

Year 5 VE Day party to celebrate their topic Beyond Enemy Lines.

**Wednesday 11th December**

9.30am Years 1 and 2 Nativity
2pm Years 1 and 2 Nativity

**Thursday 12th December**

The school is NOT closed for polling.

Year 3 swimming—2pm

**Friday 13th December**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY for SAVE THE CHILDREN. Please bring £1. Wear your Christmas Jumper and your school trousers or skirts.

Rocksteady Band practice

Dates coming up

17th December : Years 3-6 Christmas Service at the church at 2.30pm

Thursday 19th December—LAST DAY OF TERM 1.45pm finish.

We return to school on TUESDAY 7th JANUARY 2020

HELLO AND GOODBYE

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Reid at Christmas as she moves on to a new and exciting role. We welcome Mrs Ayettey to Ash class. We also say goodbye to Mrs Marshall Hedges temporarily as she goes on maternity leave.

**REMINDER FOR NURSERY PARENTS - PLACES FOR RECEPTION 2020**

All places for Reception in September 2020 must be applied for by 15th JANUARY 2020. Please apply online at https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary/apply-for-a-reception-place-at-primary-school

The children’s Christmas dinner is on Friday 13th December. Please remember to book if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner. The children will be having fish fingers and chips on Wednesday.

Message from Chartwells, your caterer

There will be a change to the lunchtime menu on week 1, Thursday, and week 3, Tuesday. The berry cobbler will be replaced by a plum and apple crumble which they hope the children will enjoy more.