



# The Westleigh Word

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## Hallelujah, Christ is Born!

by Westleigh Word's

Marcus Y6

**Another busy term has passed and Westleigh have celebrated the coming of Christ in so many ways over the past few weeks.**

The Christmas spirit definitely took over at Westleigh at the end of last term. On the 18th of December, parents were invited into school to watch a pre recorded video of our Nursery children performing the Nativity. The parents said 'We love that you recorded this because the children would have been too frightened to perform in front of us'. In the afternoon it was Receptions turn to wow their parents with their performance of the Nativity. How brave!. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) performed a wonderful version of the Nativity in front of the whole school. After watching the dress rehearsal Mrs Rigby said, "It

was high energy and packed with fun. I dare any parent to watch it without smiling." It was a performance that definitely did not disappoint.

Key Stage 2 (year 3-6) invited parents to join them for a spectacular Christmas carol service that included– singing, dancing, violinists and Makaton sign language. There was something for everyone and the children really out did themselves with this demonstration of so many different talents. Finally, the members of the Ethos Team joined Bedford Hall Chapel Ladies' choir in a special Christmas Carol service in which they delighted the congregation with songs their choice of hymn– We Are the Kingdom- Light of the World and Hillsong– Born is the King.



Left to right Gabriele, Neili and Danessa performing Silent Night in the Christmas Carol Concert



Left to right Libby-Kate, Alexis, Jack and Milo singing at Bedford Hall Chapel

# Christmas Spectacular!

By Gabriele Y6

**At Westleigh Methodist we love to celebrate Christmas in lots of different**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, all of the classes wore their favourite Christmas jumper to school. Everyone would like to say a huge thank you to the cooks for making an amazing Christmas dinner and Mrs Hope for making it feel so special.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> December, we celebrated our Christmas Spectacular Day. Everyone had an amazing time and loved participating in the activities including: Father Christmas visiting passing out gifts, party food, making Christmas crafts and dancing at the Christmas disco.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, each class had a movie morning, children came into school in their pyjamas and watched a movie decided by a class vote. Everybody brought their own blankets, pillows and delicious snacks.



# We Shall Remember Them

By Alexis Y5 and Milo Y3

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November our Remembrance service took place in the playground to commemorate all of those affected by war both past and present. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Pilkington, came into school prior to the service and taught Year 3 and 6 how to perform drills. On the day, Mr Pilkington led the service in his full naval attire. Year 3 and 6 children marched around the playground following his commands.

Mr Pilkington recited the poem 'For the Fallen' and The Last Post was played. The whole school and the local community then observed a 2 minute silence and each class placed a poppy wreath onto our playground monument before everyone joined in to sing the National Anthem.



**Mr Pilkington and the children  
from Year 3 and 6**

Faith  
In  
Action



# Children in Need

By James Y5

Children in Need is a well-known charity that raises funds to support children facing a variety of challenges in their daily lives both in Britain, and around the world. As a school, we decided that we wanted to demonstrate our support to this fantastic charity so we came to school dressed in non-uniform and donated £1. we raised a whopping **£140.54** for the charity. If you would like to find out more visit

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

or simply scan the QR code



## Reverse Advent

By William, Jack and Luke Y4

**This year the children and families at Westleigh Methodist Primary School participated in a reverse Advent.**

Throughout Advent, children were allocated a day to bring in an essential item for a homeless or poverty stricken person. When they brought in their donation, they would then collect their treat from the class Advent calendar. Staff at school were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families throughout December. Staff at The Brick were absolutely astonished at the size of the donation and sent their heartfelt thanks to each and every person who had donated.



**Mrs Rigby delivering your donations to The Brick**



# Light of the World

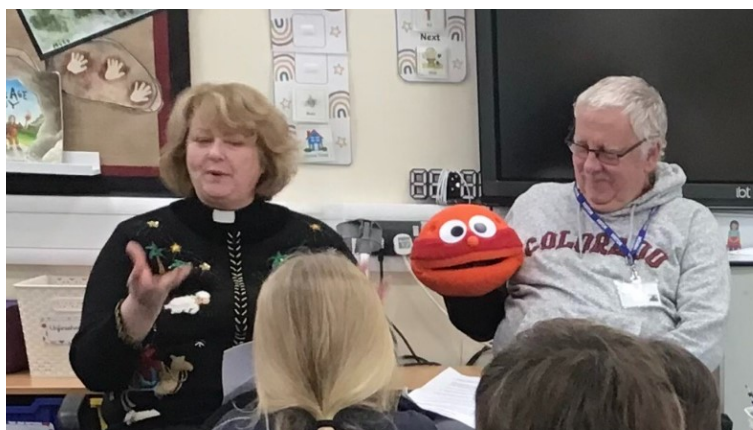
by Zara and Jeffrey



**Year 3 were visited on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December by members of the Methodist Circuit to learn about the story of Christingle.**

As part of their Religious Education topic- What are the deeper meanings of festivals of light? Reverend Kathrine and Alan visited Year 3 with their special friend 'Chris Tingle' who helped them to tell the story of the first ever Christingle.

Chris explained that all parts of a Christingle have very important and symbolic meanings. The orange represents the world and God's wonderful creation; the cocktail sticks and fruit represent all of the wonderful things that come in fours such as seasons; the elements and the directions on a compass, the red ribbon represents God's love for some and the blood of Jesus for others whilst the candle represents Jesus the light of the world. The children really enjoyed this session and would like to say a massive thank you to our special visitors.



**Reverend Kathrine and Alan from the Methodist Circuit with their friend Chris**

## Epworth Education Worship

By Neili Y6

**Schools in the Trust get together via video link every week to celebrate in worship together**



**Neili and Gabriele participating in the Trust worship**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> December, the Epworth Education Trust arranged a Trust wide Worship focusing on the first Christmas and what it means to Christians.

Several schools in the Trust participated through drama, poetry and prayers. Being a part of the Epworth Education Trust really feels like being a member of one big family.

Ethos Committee members contributed by delivering the prayer at the close of worship. Marcus Y6 explained, 'It was a really good experience and I loved the prayer'.