

Carols at the Priory



This was our second Carol Service at the Priory and particularly after the wonderful Thanksgiving Service earlier this term, the Priory feels increasingly familiar and comfortable. The atmosphere was one of palpable

joy and celebration. The readers and various choirs featuring many soloists were excellent. The Chaplain's address and the Blessing from the Vicar of Leominster completed a truly marvellous Carol Service.

Another super Christmas Fair

Between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Saturday, the Memorial and Dining Halls were crammed with stalls and visitors. With skittles and air rifles in the Activity Hall and the Nursery Secrets' Room, there was plenty on offer for everyone to choose from and in spite of a number of competitive events in the area, visitor numbers were up again.



The Friends of Lucton School

Last Saturday, we held our Christmas Fair and with over 20 external stall holders and all of the usual school stalls, we offered plenty of choice to our parents and visitors. This was the first time we were open for five hours. The catering was very popular and as ever, raised more money than any other area of the Fair. Mrs Shepherd would like to thank, Nursery, Pre Prep, Prep and Senior School pupils and teachers for all their help. The Friends of Lucton and especially Jo Smout worked very hard on the day, making it a great success. The Sixth Form, who between them contributed their raffle prizes, were very successful. The Nursery's Secrets' Room almost ran out of stock and the bottle stall nearly ran out at one point before Mrs Thorne found some more. In both of the last two years, the Christmas Fair has raised over £2,500 and early signs are that we have achieved it again! Well done, Mrs Shepherd!

If you have any questions about the Friends, please contact, Sarah Handley-Edgar on her mobile: 07967362246, or by e-mail: sez@bromyard43.fsnet.co.uk

Equestrian team

Riders who would like to compete in the Millfield Inter Schools Eventers Challenge on 1st February, please contact Nicola Castanet in the main office next week. Last year we came 5th in this event!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



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All creatures ...

On Monday, the Prep School had a visit from Mr. Pitt who brought his exotic animals for us to meet. He brought a tarantula called Millie, a cockroach, chameleon and two snakes. We were able to stroke, hold and touch these animals and all questions were answered as to their lives and habitats. What a fantastic experience, to get so close to animals we only normally see behind glass in zoos.

From the Boarding House

The final school weekend of 2008 started with the boarders' trip to Morrisons for final tuck supplies. The cold and frosty start to Saturday morning put everyone in the mood for the Christmas Fair. The boarders banished the cold by doing a great job helping The Friends set up the halls and move tables. The fair was a great success and the boarders were not only spending their money but also helping on stalls. To relax after the Fair, many boarders enjoyed a swim. Saturday evening started with an Italian feel, and after pizza and garlic bread from Millanos in Leominster some of the more intrepid boarders braved the cold for a trip to the Worcester cinema. On Sunday morning, after a late breakfast, the junior boarders enjoyed a walk in Croft Wood. After a delicious roast lunch there was a chance for some last minute Christmas shopping in Hereford. The pool was open again in the afternoon so the boarders could enjoy a dip before dinner. The evening was spent finishing prep, tidying rooms and a start was made on packing ready for the holidays. Happy Christmas from all the boarding staff!



The Prep School Christmas Concert

There were two wonderful performances of this concert on Tuesday. Featuring a special guest appearance by Father Christmas, this was a remarkable event. Not just singing and choral speaking to a high standard, but superb acting and costumes. Well done to all of the children and staff, particularly to Mrs Blyth and Mrs Rogers.



Boarders' Supper

On Wednesday night, the boarders held their annual Christmas Dinner and Dance, complete with Awards Ceremony. As usual there were tears as we had to say goodbye to the Gap Tutors. Chloe and Lucinda have been marvellous and their positive impact on the life of the boarders has been immense.



Pre Prep Nativity

Last Friday, a packed Prep School hall saw this year's Pre Prep nativity play. The costumes were stunning, the singing was excellent and the parents enjoyed the spectacle. Thank you to the staff and all the Pre Prep.



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HOMES WANTED FOR KITTENS

Four adorable kittens need new homes. Please contact Donna Duce on 01584 856800.

SPORTS REPORT

What a great term! The U14 rugby team became county champions and our Senior teams are developing a growing fixture list. Keep it up next term!

BOXING DAY RUN – AT CROFT CASTLE – STARTS AT 11.00am, PLEASE MEET UP AT THE NATIONAL TRUST TEA ROOMS FROM 10.30am.



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