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Christmas News

Last week we held our Christmas performances both here at school and at Christ Church Moreton Hall. The children from Reception through to Year 4 spoke, sang, danced and acted superbly, and judging by the smiles on the children's faces they thoroughly enjoyed performing to mums, dads, grandparents and friends. It was great to see so many of you enjoying every moment and the audiences were clearly very proud and impressed judging by the smiles, laughter and occasional tears! All of the staff here at Sebert Wood are also very proud of the children who worked so hard over the weeks. The staff also worked incredibly hard to produce the shows and getting every child involved. Each show conveyed the message of Christmas in an entertaining and enjoyable format, including some really catchy songs. Comments such as "beautiful", "the best Christmas show yet" and "a fantastic show....very entertaining and funny" could be heard. Thanks also go to the office staff who arranged refreshments and mince pies as parents queued for the performances. We raised £23 which went towards the Christmas crackers that every child opened at their Christmas lunch on Tuesday. Our thanks also to Mrs Banns for the fantastic job of taking photos of the children in each rehearsal and organising the sale of them, which many of you have purchased. Finally of course, a huge 'well done' to all the children.....they were brilliant!



The wonderful Sebert Singers!

On Sunday 7 December a unique event took place at Christ Church Moreton Hall. As a member of the Bury Concert Band, Mrs Ryan came up with the idea of the school and band working together to perform in the church at Christmas, and with the support of Reverend Ford and Rob Head the leader of the band, a joint concert involving the newly formed Sebert Singers was organised. Mrs Ryan and Rob produced the show and the Sebert Singers rehearsed with Mrs Gilbert at her club throughout the term. The children really enjoyed performing a range of Christmas songs, readings and carols at the church, which was packed with parents, grandparents and friends who came along to see the show. The quality of the performance by both the choir and the band was superb

and the event proved to be a very atmospheric start to the Christmas festivities. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Ryan, to Rob Head and all the members of the concert band, to all the staff who helped serve refreshments, to Mrs Gilbert and to all the parents and friends who supported the event. On Thursday this week Rob Head presented the school with a cheque for £700, a fantastic amount raised for the school. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and attended this event.

On 14 December, twenty five pupils from Sebert Wood took part in the Vision Creative Arts Christmas Showcase at Great Barton Free Church. They joined with four other groups from the Bury St Edmunds area and together raised over £300 for the Vision Creative Arts partner charity – The Doxa Project supporting St Monicah's school in Nakuru, Kenya. The money raised is going towards providing Christmas food and gift hampers for families living in the slums. The children were fabulous and the audience absolutely loved the show. *Lizi Long (Director of Vision Creative Arts Club)*.

On 15 December we held a special assembly at which the newly formed Sebert Wood Rock Orchestra Club performed a version of 'Sebert Wood is Awesome' for the whole of Key stage 2. The audience, which included some parents of Rock Orchestra pupils, really enjoyed watching and listening to their first gig! Any child who plays an instrument can join the group—please ask at the school office if interested.