



# Victory Primary School Newsletter

December 2016

Season's Greetings to you all !



## Shakespeare Globe theatre.....

Our school is often given the opportunity to take part in various types of musical experiences, for example our school has performed at the Royal Festival Hall. This year Topaz Class were given the opportunity to perform at the Shakespeare Globe Theatre's winter concert. Instead of taking the easy road and choosing an already written Christmas carol, our children decided to write their own song and compose the music to accompanying music! The inspiration for the song came from a literacy lesson, where they studied a poem about winter. This was then developed by encouraging the children to think about the different seasons of the year. Once they had created the words to the song, they then composed the music. They thought about the sort of music Shakespeare would have been listening to, so they based their music on Elizabethan music. It was not good, it was fabulous! I did not hear this from a parent, nor a member of the public, I know it was fabulous because I was there!

Thank you to Mr Laughton for playing the guitar and accompanying the children, also thank you to our music teacher Libby and Ms Vernege for working with our children to help produce their wonderful song.

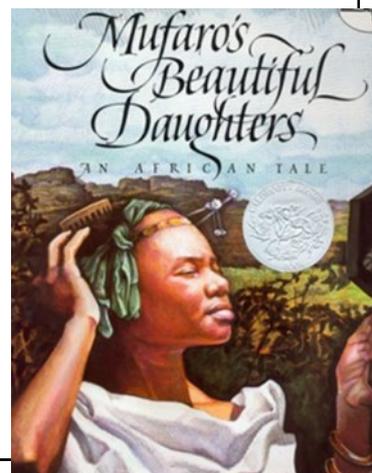


## A Royal wedding.....

On Thursday 15th December, I was invited to a royal wedding. The bride and groom were dressed to perfection, and the guests' clothes were equally impressive. The food was colourful, and contained all the food groups. The entertainment was well co-ordinated and thoroughly enjoyable! Confused? Well let me explain.....

Emerald Class have been studying traditional tales and folk stories. They read and analysed a book by John Steptoe called 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters'. The children enjoyed discovering changes in characters' attitude and behaviour as the story developed. They also learnt about the Zimbabwean culture and wedding traditions. As part of literacy lesson, the children wrote reports about specific events in the story. They also produced a play based on the book, and when they had mastered their parts, they sent me a beautifully written invitation to watch their royal wedding. (They also invited Diamond Class). Thank you very much Emerald Class for your hard work, it was a pleasure seeing your performance, and I am looking forward to receiving another invitation so you can share your achievements with me again.

In the meantime, Emerald class has set you a challenge.....they would like you to read the story with your child to discover the lesson 'Manyara', one of the characters in the book, learns along her journey.



### PTA.....

On 1st December, the PTA had their first meeting. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend. In total 19 parents attended the meeting. During the meeting, parents/carers were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to each other and say how they would like to contribute to the PTA and our school. A secret ballot was also held, and 7 parents/carers were voted onto the PTA committee. The new PTA Committee met again on the 14.12.16 to allocate their new roles, share the constitution and began to explore projects they would like to begin in the spring term, The next PTA meeting will be in January 2017, the PTA committee will write to you all nearer the time. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the first meeting, remember it is not too late for other parents to join!



### Parent Governor.....

In my previous newsletter I invited parents/carers to leave their details with the school office if they were interested in becoming a school governor. The deadline has now passed, as no other parent/carer has come forward. We will therefore be moving forward with the previous nomination. I will keep you posted.



### Christmas Concerts.....

For all the parents, friends and family members who came to the Christmas concerts this year, you already know that it was an amazing demonstration of what our children can achieve, and how absolutely beautiful both concerts were. So this is really for the few parents who were unable to attend.

EYFS/KS1 began their concert telling the story of an extremely bossy king. He was driving the villagers crazy with his demands and his insistence that everyone should bow whenever he walked past. We were then taken on a journey from when Mary received the news from Angel Gabriel that she would soon be having a baby, to when the 3 kings visited the baby Jesus in the stable. The children sang every song beautifully, the actors remembered their lines and the audience swayed to the children's singing. KS2's concert meanwhile made all other previous KS2 concerts fade into the distance, because this concert was one of the best concerts I have ever seen at our school! The acting and narrators delivery their lines with clear pronunciation, but it was the singing that brought tears to the eyes of staff and parents! The children sang in groups, all together, solo and in rounds with soothing harmonies. Many parents commented afterwards that the children performed as well as the actors in the West End. Once again, I would like to say thank you to all the children, you have definitely showed the 'yes I can' attitude. Thank you to all the parents who continue to support us, and to my wonderful staff for helping our children to shine!



**Warmest thoughts and best wishes  
for a wonderful holiday  
and a Happy New Year.  
May peace, love and prosperity  
follow you always !**



### Dates for your diary

**Last day of term — 21.12.16 at 2pm  
School re-opens for children — 4.1.17 - at 8.55am**

