## Thomas Russell Junior School

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## <u>Church Service</u>

Thank you to everyone who attended our service at St James' Church on Wednesday. We were incredibly proud of the way the children behaved. They put on a brilliant show and sung exceptionally well. Thanks to your kind contributions in the retiring collection, we raised £169.48 for the Horse Therapy charity who have been supporting various children in school.

I have been asked to share the words that were read so beautifully by Nivraj at the end of our Christmas service, so here they are:

Christmas is a time to celebrate, a time to be with family and friends. A time to surround ourselves with those who make us feel special and loved. Christmas is a time to be joyful, to give presents and sing songs, A time to eat delicious food, to be excited about what we might find on Christmas morning. Christmas is a time to reflect, to think back with pride about the things we have achieved A time to look forward and consider our hopes and dreams.

Christmas is also a time to be grateful, because not everyone is as lucky as we are today. Not everyone has a warm home or a loving family. Some people are surrounded but still feel lonely. Not everyone is safe at Christmas. Some people live in fear every day. Not everyone can afford presents or big Christmas dinners. Some people will receive nothing or have very little to eat.

So sing, eat, enjoy, share and celebrate. Make the most of every moment. Merry Christmas

## Early Birds and Night Owls

Don't forget to book any Early Birds and Night Owls sessions that you require for Spring 1.



Bookings can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: Early Birds: wfz7m Night Owls: 59mbz



Deadline is SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020

Dinner Money for next half term is £2.39 per day or £69.31 for dinners every day for the whole half term. Please remember, it is helpful to us if you can keep your Parent Pay account in credit to pay for school dinners and we really do appreciate a week's written notice if you wish to change the pattern of your child's school dinners / sandwiches. Many Thanks



All that remains is for us to say a HUGE thank you for all of you lovely cards, presents, treats and messages - we are really grateful for your kindness ©

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe