

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Lots of food, games, making Christmas decorations plus a very special surprise visit by Father Christmas – these were some of the ingredients of a great Sunday School Christmas Party.



Preparations started early in the morning – laying the tables to include Christmas crackers with the obligatory silly jokes ie what polish does a snail use? Answer: snail polish!, plus blowing up and hanging lots of balloons – thank goodness for the balloon pumps and laying out all the materials for us to make Christmas decorations.

During the afternoon sandwiches were made, and lots of food laid out to produce a feast for all! At 4.30pm children started to arrive and, once some of our younger ones had had a short time to race around the church at top speed we then started on our first activity. This was turning logs into table decorations! Holes had already been predrilled for candles but everything else was still to do. And so with the use of sparkling gold elastic, lots of evergreens including holly (just watch the fingers!), rose hips, pine cones of all shapes and sizes plus gold baubles and ribbon lots of very stunning table decorations were created. Many thanks to Richard who drilled out holes for the baubles and skilfully managed the glue gun!



And so it was that we had just started to decorate the church Christmas tree when our very special visitor, Father Christmas arrived! He'd travelled all the way from Lapland and came to tell us that two of his reindeer had got lost! The children had a great time chatting to Father Christmas and he gave them all a carrot each to put outside their back door when they got home to see if they could entice the two missing reindeer to come back! The children made Father Christmas feel so welcome that he ended up having tea with us. And that's what we did next – many thanks to everyone who contributed to produce such a great tea and to James who made some great mulled wine for the adults.

Hannah organised the next activity for us which was turning egg cartons into bells for the Christmas tree. Using lots of glitter paint of all colours and bright ribbon resulted in wonderful creations which were hung on the Christmas tree to dry.

It was then time for a snowball fight. Using crunched up pieces of paper; we had two teams trying to see who could lob the most snowballs at each other. Just didn't realise how exhausting throwing snowballs could be! After this, plus throwing around jelly balls with shiny lights in them, we practiced our Nativity Play for Sunday. And then it was home time for all, apart from Father Christmas who was still on the lookout for his missing reindeer!

Huge thanks to everyone who helped out at our Sunday School Christmas Party – we're now on the countdown to Christmas!

