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Christmas joy begins

Youngsters get in festive spirit

by **Jasper Hobday-Dines** and **Sam Accourt**

Children across Plympton and Plymstock have been getting into the Christmas spirit

with nativity plays, charity collections and parties.

At Ridgeway Methodist Preschool children enjoyed two performances of their nativity play on Sunday, December 10, in church and on Thursday, December 14, in school time.

At Coombe Dean School, students have been filling shoeboxes with gifts for the homeless this Christmas. Hats, gloves, scarves, handwarmers, toiletries and treats have been packed and wrapped ready for distribution for the official 2017 homeless appeal.

Coombe Dean School's Kerry Humphreys said: "It's great to know that our chari-

ty boxes will be shared between Shekinah Mission, Homes for Veterans, Salvation Army, George House, Plymouth House (including the mother and baby unit), Harwell House, Women's Refuge and

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Trevi House – all local charities doing a marvellous job supporting the homeless.

"Mrs Seyour and Mrs Main are very proud of their tutor groups, who worked hard to gather and wrap the shoeboxes."

At Kiddi Caru nursery,

Plympton, they had a month of fun with their Christmas activities, starting with Santa's elves visiting their Winter Wonderland and craft workshop.

Their Homestart snowflake appeal raised £104 to help parents all over the UK to build better lives for their

children. The organisation has volunteers based at nearly 300 projects nationwide, who provide support and friendship to more than 32,000 families every year.

They finished the week off with Christmas makes and their very own carol service.

Nursery manager Tracey

Callan said: "It's always very exciting preparing for our Christmas grotto, as it really does herald the arrival of the festive season in the nursery. The children love helping to put up Christmas decorations and they absolutely adored meeting those Christmas elves."



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Ridgeway Methodist preschoolers in their nativity costumes

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Coombe Dean students with their showboxes for the homeless