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Dear Parents

Christmas Fayre

Well done and a big thank you to everyone for your efforts and support with the Christmas Fayre. I felt so very proud when I saw so many people there and the children singing so well and everyone joining in. We are so lucky to have such great parents, grandparents, friends and villagers. The team worked so very hard and we have had many comments back from parents, villagers, grandparents and friends that they had a super time. Thanks again everyone that was involved.



Concert in the Church

Wasn't it great! The older children read beautifully, the singing was fantastic and our soloist - well done Stefan. The younger children looked brilliant and I thought they did so well. And - can't our younger children walk extremely quickly round the church!! Thanks again to everyone who came for making it so special.



Christmas Party

The children (and the adults) had a fabulous lunch on Wednesday thanks to the Friends. The food was wonderful and such great team work from you guys. Father Christmas came and every child got a book especially chosen for the individual child. The children were thrilled. Thank you so very much, every one of you.

Pantomime

Well they all set off at just after nine o'clock, so excited it was unbelievable. The pantomime was brilliant and the children, again, had the most wonderful time. It was Lucy's birthday the day before and she was taken up on stage and given a 'goody' bag. A couple of children fell asleep on the way home but everyone said what a fantastic time they had had.

Friends

I feel it is so important to reiterate our thanks to the Friends and to everyone that has supported them. The Christmas lunch, a present for each child, the coach and every child enjoying a visit to a 'proper' pantomime at Christmas - just how wonderful is that. The Friends have provided all of this and we can only thank you over and over again. Our children get such wonderful treats thanks to you all.



Scarecrows' Party

The Scarecrows had a wonderful party on Tuesday of this week with a huge bouncy castle in the village hall and absolutely loads of gorgeous food. When I went over to see them they seemed to be having a great time. Thank you to Mrs Price and Mrs Smith for their efforts and everyone that supported it.



Policies

Well even though it is the festive season, or especially because it is the festive season, we are still thinking all the time about the health, safety and the well-being of our children. We have recently updated various policies and they are available in the office should you wish to read them. I should add that some of them are lengthy, but, they are very important. These include child protection, safeguarding and health and safety.

Safety and Safeguarding

We have done a lot of work with the children lately on keeping safe and how we work very hard to ensure they stay safe. Our work has included:-



- # the safety on the door
- # how they must stay in view of an adult at breaktimes
- # bike safety and wearing a helmet again (this can never be mentioned too many times)
- # washing hands
- # electrical safety - covered plugs etc



we have talked a lot about e-safety - talking to someone if they see something they do not like on the computers etc etc (our filters are brilliant but we must always be prepared).

Whilst we are on the subject of safety, we would all like to reinforce with you the need for all children to speak with an adult, **any adult in school**, if they have a problem or an issue. We will **always** listen and we will, if we can, try and reassure them.



Calendar

Lots of calendars have been sold. It is late but, if you wanted one it may still be possible to get one from Linda Jones. Her number is on the Bad Weather list sent out this week by Sandy.

Black Bags

Do please try to remember over the holidays if you are clearing out old clothes (when you get new ones) or any fabrics to try and fill the sack sent home. Anything collected will bring in more money for the Friends. Ask your friends and neighbours too. 'Every little bit helps' as Tesco says!

Thank You - Thank You - Thank you

A huge thank you for all the lovely presents sent into the school, the cake, biscuits, chocolates, wine, marmalade etc. etc. As well as supporting us throughout the year you have treated us so well now. We really do appreciate your generosity so very much.

All that is left is to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a brilliant New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 5 January - **with coats!!!!**

Kind Regards

Ann Herridge

