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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 11th December 2015

Parent & Teacher Consultations: This week has been our termly parent / teacher consultation week. Thank you to everyone who has attended these valuable meetings to discuss your children's progress and next steps in learning, attendance was on average 90% for every class, with most classes having 100% of parents or carers attending. By continuing to work together, we are ensuring we get the very best outcomes for our children.

Christmas Performances: I was astounded at the fantastic turn out of parents and carers for this week's Christmas performances: it is always wonderful for the children to have such an appreciative audience. Each class had their own Christmas theme and despite the fact we had limited time to rehearse, they performed amazingly well. Thanks to all the staff who have managed to squeeze in rehearsals, extra singing practice and learning of words, in amongst teaching, assessing and measuring progress! Well done everyone.

Christmas Fayre: Continuing with the theme of record-breaking turn-outs, Friday saw our most successful Christmas Fayre ever, raising a staggering £770.55 in just over an hour! It seemed that the entire estate came along to support our school and the children's own enterprise goodies, designed and made earlier this term, went down a storm. My appreciation and grateful thanks as always go to Mrs Makinson, who begins to prepare for each fayre as soon as one ends! This takes an enormous amount of organisation and patience and I am very grateful: thank you! Any unclaimed raffle prizes will be posted on the main entrance door this week and any unclaimed by Friday will be used at the next fayre.

Christmas Carols at Barclays Bank: Mrs Smith, myself and Miss Sugden had the pleasure of accompanying our choir when they sang at Barclays on Friday morning. They sounded astounding and managed to raise a fantastic £32.80 in 25 minutes! The manager of Barclays was highly complimentary about the children's voices and behaviour and we look forward to developing the choir further in the New Year. Well done to everyone who represented our school, you were fabulous!

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day: On Thursday 17th, we are having our Christmas Lunch. Children, staff and governors are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper, for a donation of £1.00 each, to raise money for the charity Text Santa.

Apologies: I must apologise for the confusion surrounding Y3 Christingle this morning: unfortunately, a typing error meant some parents came to see Y3 in the Y4-6 performance. However, as Y3 were also singing, I hope you still enjoyed their beautiful voices!

Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year 1. Well done!

YR: 98.3%

Y1: 99.6%

Y2: 95.2%

Y3: 99.3%

Y4: 96.3%

Y5: 96.5%

Y6: 94.1%

What fantastic attendance in all classes this week. Well done to everyone. You are all fantastic!

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Tia Cooke for always being very kind and helpful: well done!





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Dates for your Diary: (please also check the school website diary pages for key dates throughout the year)

Monday 14 th December	KS 1 Christmas Party (Y1 & 2) 1-2.55pm
Tuesday 15 th December	Reception Christmas Concert (for Reception Parents only, please) 10am
Tuesday 15 th December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y3 & 4) 1-2.55pm
Wednesday 16 th December	2 Year old's & Nursery Christmas Concert 10am (2 year old's and Nursery Parents only, please)
Wednesday 16 th December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y5 & 6) 1-2.55pm
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch whole school
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas Break
Tuesday 5th January	School re-opens for teaching

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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