



19th December 2014

Dear Parents,

As we finish an extremely busy, hectic and exciting term this is a final newsletter to finish off 2014.

Year 6 Pantomime: Wonderful, fantastic!!!

There were two performances, a matinee and an evening performance. Year 6 were amazing! If you weren't there you missed an incredible event that rightly deserved the standing ovation it received. Fr Mark was delighted with this *brilliant performance*. As I said, we do have really talented and willing pupils given the opportunity and working together we are a *formidable force* who CAN DO IT and achieve incredible things. Sometimes adults judge before seeing, although children were acting and performing they did so well above their young ages. The Y6 staff and Mrs Newton had done wonderful work with this class and it was shown on the stage – everyone playing their part.

Choir: Many thanks for taking Christmas to others

They have sung Carols for shoppers in Tesco, to visiting residential homes as well as supporting "Queenie's Charity" Christmas Dinner in the Devonshire Hotel where a lot of the 300 OAPs got up and were dancing to the singing. They have brought great credit to you, themselves and the school as well as the Christmas Message to others. They were fantastic and raised money for our charity this year – Cancer Research.

Christmas Performances by other classes about the Birth of Christ our Saviour.

Many thanks to all the parents who packed the hall or Foundation Unit to see and hear our children telling the story of Our Saviours birth in so many different ways. They were brilliant as was all the staff who supported these productions as well as you, our parents, helping with learning lines or singing the songs with them. Please all keep the true meaning of Christmas at the forefront of our minds, Love and Peace, and let's remember the way 100 years ago this was demonstrated by the singing of Silent Night in two different languages before a game of football was started. Where there is a will there is a way.

A concern to share with you. The example we set is what our children see, hear and may copy.

Parking: on the night of the Panto, our good neighbours, who put up with a lot of inconsiderate parking, were trying to access their homes with their babies and couldn't get near. They were verbally abused and have formally complained about this. I do share their concerns that this is the road they live in and they can't get in and out sometimes because of cars being parked in the middle of the road, blocking the road or drivers on their mobiles. We are part of this community and want to be a "Good Neighbour" – we ask ALL who visit us to show the same consideration.



Parents speaking to staff

I am dismayed that some of our parents feel that they can say what they like to staff in the school with NO consequences. I have had unacceptable language literally hurled at myself,. We have been told that we are "ABUSIVE" to our children because we hold performances or clubs. We are told that we blackmail parents and they don't want their child penalised because

"I don't care what the school wants, I will do what I want. All the school cares about is winning or doing well in exams not about any child".

Many of these comments are in the open and voices are raised. The staff have dealt with too many of these incidents and they are UPSETTING. They also disrespect your staff who work tirelessly on behalf of your children and all the children in our school (even after they have left). The school has been praised by outside professionals because of the "special" care (their words) they give to the children in the school.

If parents have a complaint or concern then I have told staff to direct them to me. Appointments will be made that are MUTUALLY convenient. Some parents do expect us to stop everything, including teaching your children, because they want to be heard there and then. I cannot and will not allow this to happen to the detriment of your children.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to the vast majority of our parents and to our children for the support, respect and genuine gratitude and acknowledgement that we are BEST when we work TOGETHER. Together we have made a great school which can be even better. This term we have turned children away as we've had no room.

Also for your generosity of food, toys and donations to charity, this is an example of community and love.

Staff, Governors and Myself

Send you our Christmas Blessings to you and your families and we hope that you have a wonderful family Christmas together. Also that the New Year of 2015 brings better times ahead.





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