



19th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement during this very busy festive period. We have had so much going on this term, I find it difficult to believe that we've squeezed it all in!

Charities

Thank you for your wonderful generosity; we have helped so many charities this term! We have been able to support:

- Children in Need £213.68
- Donation of food to The Food Bank was astounding!
- Book Aid £151.90
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day £153.10

Thank you so much! Your generosity knows no bounds!

Whole School Christmas Activities

Key Stage 2 Carol Service

Thank you to Mrs Starkswood and Mrs Cowe as well as all of our KS2 teachers and pupils for leading us in our celebration. You have reminded us about the true meaning of Christmas. The children's singing was beautiful.

Baubles



There will not be a greater show on TV this holiday!

The children and staff in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 worked so hard to make this a show to remember. All staff involved in preparing for these productions must be congratulated on their tremendous work. I would also like to thank everyone for their very generous donations (£183.26) to The People's Kitchen. Very well done, everyone! I know those lucky enough to see the play were amazed at how confident and well organised these performances were. Again, we were reminded of the real message of Christmas.

Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to Mrs Griffiths and all her kitchen staff - the Christmas lunch was as delicious as ever! The children all enjoyed their meals and there was a lovely atmosphere in the Hall during lunch.

Christmas Panto

A huge thank you to Mrs Ramsey who did a fantastic job organising the pantomime tickets, the groupings of children and adults along with the travel. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Christmas Decoration Morning

It was lovely to see so many of our families joining us at the start of December to help make decorations that we could then hang around the school to mark the start of our Christmas countdown. The school looks lovely and visitors have commented on how festive our school looks. Decorations should be coming home with your child today.

Other Reminders

Diary events

At the start of next term, the upcoming events for the half term will be published and shared with you. Please do make a note of them when you receive the first newsletter of 2019. They will also be published on the school website.

Parents Evenings will be held in the final week of the first half term and this will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's current progress and next steps in learning. Do try to book an appointment.

Dinner Money

A reminder that dinner money should aim to be paid at the start of the week via Agora. The cost for a school dinner is £2.25 per day or £11.25 per week.

Parking outside school

I appreciate that parking facilities are limited for parents dropping and picking their children up from school, however please can we work together to make drop offs and pickups as smooth as possible. Just a reminder that the yellow zigzag lines and double yellow lines outside of school are to remain clear at all times, this includes dropping children off for school on a morning. In addition if you are dropping your child off near the back gate please try to avoid driving into the new housing development as there is limited space, it is residents parking only and there are many children walking. Traffic wardens will be making regular visits to check on parking in the New Year. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Volunteering

Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered this term by hearing readers, running clubs, supporting school trips etc. Your help is invaluable. I do hope that you have been able to use the Time Credits that have been issued to you in recognition of your time.

If you think you would like to volunteer next term please let the office know and someone will be in touch.



I hope that you all have a very Happy Christmas. Safe travels to families travelling afar.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 7th January 2019.**

Kind regards

Ms Karen Martin
Headteacher