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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Productions:

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our productions this week. We hope you really enjoyed them and felt proud of your children. Thank you to everyone, parents, teachers, staff who helped the children learn their lines and put such an effort into them.



Y3 French Nativity Production



A Message from Miss Lockett

A big well done to all the children in KS1 this week for their amazing performances in the nativity concerts. We are so proud of all of you. Amazing singing, acting and performing professionally to the audience. A special well done to the three soloists, Jake McKinnie, Archie Longworth and Ellie Mitchell. It really was a "Busy, Busy Bethlehem!"

Christmas Fayre:

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a successful Christmas Fayre on Friday. We raised **£824.16** which we will put towards the resources in school. The winning raffle numbers are:

Cineworld Night Out Voucher: Pink 901-905

Me to You Teddy Hamper x2: Pink 826-830 & Pink 746-750

Christmas Cake: Green 121-125

Prosecco x2: Green 16-20 & Pink 916-920

Red Wine: Green 56-60

Aladdin's Flying Carpet game: Pink 881-885

Soap & Glory Gift Set: Pink 791-795

Box of Sports Mix: Green 51-55

Ferrero Rocher: Pink 781-785

Faye Goff from Year 3 won the "Where in the World is Santa?" competition

Please call at the office to collect your prize (don't forget your ticket!)

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Upcoming events in the Academy:

Friday 9th December	No assembly (hall in use for concerts) 9.30am Foundation Stage concert in the school hall 1.30pm EOCT choir singing Christmas Carols in the precinct in Ossett Town Centre
Monday 12th December	Morning: Foundation Stage Christmas Party – please fetch all food items in on this day. Afternoon: Key Stage one Christmas Party
Tuesday 13th December	Years 4, 5 & 6 will be holding a dress rehearsal for their Oliver production. Children need to come to school in uniform as usual and change for the rehearsal. The children in school will watch the performance. 7.00pm after school performance (years 4, 5 & 6). Children performing should arrive wearing their normal clothes between 6.30 and 6.40pm and change for the rehearsal at school, to be ready for the 7pm start.
Wednesday 14th December	12.00pm School Christmas dinner. Please see letter sent out last week for more details. Years 4, 5 & 6 production performance in school in the afternoon. Children should come to school in uniform and change for the 1.45 pm performance in school. 7.00pm after school performance (years 4, 5 & 6). Children performing should arrive wearing their normal clothes between 6.30 and 6.40pm and change for the rehearsal at school, to be ready for the 7pm start.
Thursday 15th December	Morning: Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party Afternoon: Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party 2.00pm - a group of children will be setting up a Christmas Tree at Holy Trinity Church as part of their festivities. A letter will be sent out to those children selected.
Friday 16th December	Last day in school. 9.00 Assembly – Christmas carols, Pupil of the Term trophies. Year 4 will run a coffee morning after assembly, please come along to support them if you can. Additional football session after school (to make up for the one missed for Christmas Fayre).
Tuesday 3rd January	School reopens after Christmas holiday

Christmas Parties

Children can come to school on their party day in their party clothes and wear them throughout the day. Can all children please bring some sensible outdoor shoes as they will be going out to play at lunch time.

To avoid any issues with allergies we request no items containing nuts and please do not fetch in home-baked or pre-cooked foods or food that needs warming up.

For children in Nursery, F2, Class 1, 1-2 and 2 there is a sheet on display in the class room for parents to put their name against what their child would like to fetch in. For children in Years 3,4,5 & 6, if children would like to fetch any party goodies in they would be gratefully accepted - biscuits, crisps, chocolates, sweets. Paper plates and cups would also be welcome in moderation!

Community activities over Christmas

Here are some events which are available for children over the Christmas period:

- Wakefield Museums are hosting two FREE Santa's grotto events.
- Wakefield Museum - Saturday 17 December 10am - 4pm
Visit Father Christmas as he relaxes at home and receive a gift. A Victorian event with lots of Victorian-themed fun!
- Pontefract Museum - Wednesday 21st December 10am - 4pm
Visit Santa in a very special Liquorice grotto and receive a gift.
- Pugneys Watersports Centre and Country Park is hosting a special Reindeer Trail, full of fun festive activities for children aged 10 and under.
- Pugneys Reindeer Trail is being held on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 December, from 10am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 3.30pm. Activities include a supervised walk around the lake to find Santa's nine reindeer, arts and crafts, and fun and interactive theatre.
- The Reindeer Trail costs £3.50 per child, and booking is essential. Warm clothes are required, and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

To book or for more information, contact 01924 302360 or email pugneyscp@wakefield.gov.uk

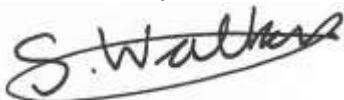
Assessments

Last week was assessment week. This week, teachers are marking the tests and collating their results. We will send out assessment information slips at the start of next term to let you know how your child got on.

ICT – safety at Christmas

Please see the separate attached leaflet with information about keeping safe with new devices over Christmas. This information is also available on our website.

Yours sincerely



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