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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support at last Friday's Christmas Fair. In total we raised over £1600 which is amazing. The profits made from the sale of the children's Christmas items will go back directly to each year group to spend on activities for the children during the course of year, whilst the remaining funds will go towards furniture and books for our new school library.

As I write this letter, Mr Gunn is getting set up for this evening's discos in the school hall where we are looking forward to welcoming the children back later. I would like to thank the staff at the school for once again staying late and supporting this event in their own time.

Presents or Presence?

We began this week in assembly by sharing a fictional story in assembly called 'The Christmas Eve Tree' and asked the children to consider what is truly important in this run up to the Christmas holiday. The little boy in the story has very little in the world, but enjoys the company of others on Christmas Eve as people stop to join him in singing around a small Christmas tree he has saved from the bin. I reflected with the children that I personally cannot remember many of the gifts I received as a child at Christmas (I know I am getting old!), but I do remember the joy of traditions and being with my family. As we get ready for Christmas in school, we will continue to share that message that at this time of year the most important thing is that we enjoy each other's company rather than the creating long lists of toys and games we hope to receive. I have also reminded the children how hard adults at home work at this time of year to make such celebrations happy and how they might lend a hand and be helpful!



Update from the Junior Road Safety Officers

Mr Polley and his team of JRSO's were pleased to announce the winners of their 'Be Bright Be Seen' competition to design a bright top. There were many fantastic entries but the top three were 1st Evelina 5D, 2nd Kyron 5G and 3rd Astrid 5G.



Update from the Year Teams

Year 3

The start of December has brought much excitement to Year 3. We have been busy rehearsing every day for our Celebration of Christmas next week and we can't wait to share this with you. Everyone has complimented us on our beautiful singing.

We have started to learn about the properties of shapes in maths and we are working hard to compare shapes and use the correct mathematical vocabulary. If you're out for a winter walk why not ask your child if they can spot different shapes and examples of horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines.

We all really enjoyed writing our scary descriptions of Fenrir in English last week and each class has voted for the scariest ones which we will read to Mrs Findlay! We hope she's not too frightened!

In DT we are creating our own card with a moving part. We have explored making mechanisms using levers and linkages. During this project we have had to show resilience and determination as things have not always gone to plan!

Next week in RE we will start to learn about the concept of Angels and the important part they play in the nativity story.

Finally, lots of children have started to bring in some of the home learning tasks they have completed and we have been impressed with their creativity. There's still time to bring these in before we share them in our year group assembly next week.

Year 4

Year 4 have continued to work incredibly hard this term and have just about completed their amazing writing linked to 'Stitch Head'. They have created and described some incredibly scary monsters! In maths, they have been learning about fractions and are now moving on to measure.

We will be finishing the term with our DT project, which we plan to do in the last week of term. This will involve the children making their own torches using what they have learnt about circuits in science. We will need plenty of cardboard tubes – we would be grateful if you could save some from your recycling and send them in! Pringles tubes, kitchen roll tubes and big toothpaste boxes would be great – no toilet rolls for hygiene reasons, please!

Year 4 are really enjoying rehearsing for their Christmas production. Their singing is fantastic and they are starting to get to grips with some great dance moves, too! They are also getting much more confident with their lines – thank you so much to everyone who has been putting time and effort into this at home. All children need to know their lines off by heart by the start of next week so that we can practise without scripts for our final rehearsals. It would be great if as many children as possible could return for the performance on the evening of Wednesday 18th December as this promises to be a really special festive celebration and they have worked so hard to put it together. Please do let us know if your child is unable to come to this performance due to other commitments.

Just a reminder that we will be sharing homework projects next Thursday, 12th December. We would love to see anything that the children have done at home this term so that we can celebrate their fantastic work together.

Year 5

A massive thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas fair and helped raise money for Year 5. The money raised will be put towards a theatre company coming to school to teach us all about the Vikings in the spring term. If you would still like to purchase your child's crafts, please let your class teacher know.

Year 5 have been busy learning all about Beowulf in our English. The children were amazed to know that the story dated back to the 7th Century. They have written some amazing descriptions about Grendel the monster and have impressed us with their range of vocabulary. Next, we are going to be writing a narrative of the fight between Grendel and Beowulf.

In maths, we have been looking at time. They have looking at a range of different time problems, including solving problems involving timetables. Please can you encourage your children to read both analogue and 24-hour time at home as this would really help their progress.

In DT, we have been getting ready to make soup next week. As part of this the children tried a range of 7 different vegetable soups, we were impressed at how they tried a range of soups that they haven't tasted. They have now planned in small groups which soup they would like to make and will be making this next week and then tasting each other's soups to evaluate them.

Just a reminder that spelling homework is sent out weekly and should be completed and returned to your child's class teacher. Also, we are looking forward to sharing their half term homework in assembly in just over a week, can you please ensure that your child's homework is returned to school before this. Thank you for your support.

Year 6

We have been having fun competing in mini-house tournaments. So far, we have completed Netball and Olympic Handball with football to follow this week. The games have often been very close with each league separated by goal difference.

At the moment the overall scores are:

Team	Total
Hawks	4.5
Harriers	5.5
Falcons	5
Eagles	5

In maths we will be looking at weights and measures, so any practical activities such as cooking would help the children to gain a better understanding of what these look / feel like in real life.

Thank you for your support with buying Christmas cards, we will put the money towards the cost of an event in the Summer term.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher