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### **News Update – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have reached the end of what has been a very busy term. The last few weeks have flown by.

#### **Christmas with the Aliens**

Our Christmas show, "Christmas with the Aliens" was a great success and was testament to the hard work of the staff and children over the last 4 weeks. It was lovely to see the children coming together and performing with such enthusiasm. Thanks go to all the staff involved in its production and especially to Miss Duerden who led her first ever Christmas Show as a teacher.

The year 2 children also visited the Waverton Evangelical Fellowship with Miss Duerden and Mrs Rumney to perform their songs to the guests at the Day Centre, who were having their Christmas meal. It made their day!

#### **Piano**

The following children have recently passed piano exams during the last couple of weeks:

Imogen Parkes Grade 3, Lily Prince Grade 2 with merit, Millie Webb Grade 1

Isobel Holroyd Initial Grade with Distinction, Olivia Aiston initial grade

Prep Test passes from; James Evans, Jemima Gunson, Darcey Shears, Penny Webb, Luke Roberts, Rosie Gibson, Esme Prince and Edward Mooney

Well done to Mrs Buck and the children for their dedication and hard work.

#### **Fundraising**

You will be aware of the success of the Christmas Fair which achieved a clear profit of £4428.00. In addition, the school raised £45.20 during the Poppy appeal, Children in Need which raised £231.00, Cake Sale £352.00 and Christmas Jumper Day £186.00.

#### **Sickness bug**

We have had a few cases of the sickness bug in recent weeks. It is important that parents adhere to the 48-hour rule, which can be difficult when a child appears to have recovered, but this greatly reduces the bug spreading. We of course regularly remind the children to wash their hands after going to the toilet.

## **Attendance**

Where children's attendance has dropped below 95% this term, parents will receive a letter with their current attendance information. Whether a child has authorised, unauthorised or absence through illness it is useful for parents to know the overall picture. The current average attendance for the school is 97%. The DFE expects schools to continue to prioritise attendance following on from the pandemic. Attendance of 90% over the primary years is the equivalent of missing over two terms of schooling. We of course recognise that there are some children who have anxiety issues related to school and we will continue to work with families and provide support.

## **Online Safety**

South West Grid for Learning have produced some great, free checklists for a number of years and regularly update them. The most recent updates are for Snapchat and TikTok, which are platforms that many children are using or have access to. You may find these useful for reference:

[SNAPCHAT](#)

[TIKTOK](#)

## **Track Santa**

If you want to keep track of where Santa is up to click on the link below. They have been tracking Santa for the past 68 years. He is currently busy in the North pole – lots of links to music, games and movies can be found here...and live tracking of his journey is available from December 24<sup>th</sup>!

<https://www.noradsanta.org/en/>

## **And finally.....**

During the last few weeks, we have had the Christmas Fair, KS1 Christmas Show, whole school Panto trip, school Christmas dinner and year group Christmas parties. Like yourselves, everyone is looking forward to the festive break. I hope you all enjoy some happy times with your families over the next two weeks and look forward to seeing everyone safe and well on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher