

MESSAGE FROM MRS LAVELLE

Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are packing so much in to the last few weeks of term, I thought I would send our Christmas newsletter out in two parts!

We have had so many lovely things happening in school and there is more to come next week. The children have continued to work hard in their usual lessons in addition to enjoying all of the Christmas activities and events we have planned. We are ending our last school term of 2020 surrounded by glitter, fairy lights and children singing, dancing and having fun in their Christmas performances which seems like the perfect end to such a challenging year.

Below are details about some of these events plus additional information or reminders.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend,

Mrs Lavelle

DIARY DATES

Monday 14th: Year 2 and Year 1 Party Days

Tuesday 15th: Year 3 Party Day

Wednesday 16th: Year 4 Party Day and Nursery Party (am)

Thursday 17th: Festive Fun Run

Friday 18th: Reception and Year 6 Party Day and end of term

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CHRISTMAS WINDOWS

It was lovely to see the surprised and happy faces on the 1st December when children and families first saw our Christmas Windows. These really brightened up a gloomy Tuesday morning and have continued to do so during the recent unsettled weather. The art work produced by these by our children and staff is superb and a big thank you to all of our staff who stayed late on Monday after school to put these up ready for the next morning. In case you haven't been able to see them all, here they are.













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SALVATION ARMY TOY APPEAL



Thank you so much for the toys sent in for this appeal.

As always, we so appreciate your generosity and the Salvation Army have asked me to pass on their thanks.

These will be distributed to those in need over the coming week.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We really enjoyed Christmas Lunch last week. Due to the current situation and our three lunch sittings, we had to do things a bit differently but the children loved the special organisation for this year. Each child received a gold crown and a bag which contained a Christmas Cracker, wooden cutlery set, a bottle of water and a Christmas cake and biscuit. They were then served their hot Christmas lunch in an individual portion. A very big thank you to our fantastic school cook and kitchen staff for all their hard work in creating such a lovely meal and festive atmosphere.





FUNDRAISING THIS YEAR

In addition to your generous donations to the Toy Appeal, and our Harvest collection for The People's Kitchen, here is an overview of fundraising at our school during the last 12 months. Some of these are from Friday Fundraiser events organised by groups of children, others are whole school fundraising events.

Many thanks to your amazing support for our fundraisers throughout the year. Our children are learning a lot about the work of charities in our local area and about helping those in need - a big part of our school ethos and work as a Rights Respecting School.

Great North Children's Hospital: £29

Dogs Trust: £30

Children in Need: £290

Cancer Research: £30

Willowburn Hospice: £30

Show Racism the Red Card: £.171

Poppy Appeal: £338

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