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Dear Parents/Carers,

What another fantastic (and busy) week in school. We are so pleased to have shared our Christmas performances with you. The children worked incredibly hard to remember their lines, with lots of different songs with actions to learn. They loved being able to share their performances with the special people in their lives.

Yesterday our Christmas Fayre was very well attended too. The atmosphere was wonderful and hopefully helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, we really appreciate your ongoing support. The evening ended with an amazing total of £1328. This money will be spent on play equipment and special treats for children across the rest of the school year.

The lucky winners are listed below. Prizes can be collected from the school office.

**Raffle tickets**

Misty Blue Farm Tickets – 352 (G) – Aimee Matthews

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Devere’s Barbers – 130 (G) – Appleby

Hockings – 419 (G) – Darcie Bendelow

The Best Chippy – 61 (G) – Leah Jayne

Mr B’s Voucher – 24 (G) – Maureen Whitfield

Clems Voucher – 393 (G) Fiona S

Duke of Wellington Voucher– 231 (G) – Ruby and Emily Local

Lilo and Stitch – 266 (G) – Adelynne Musgrove

Baileys – 317 (G) – Emily Grainger

Edinburgh Gin – 375 (G) – Gail W

Hendricks – 283 (G) Oliver Elliott

Chocolate and Prosecco – 1 (O) – Thomas Heightley

Prosecco – 175 (G) – Billy McAloon

Chocolate Hamper – 497 – William McNamara

**Guess the Sweets Game**

Tommy Byrne was the closest guess of 100. There were 121 sweets in the jar.

**Name the Reindeer game**

Harrison Swain guessed the correct name of Peppermint.

**3D printed sale**

You will recall that Mr Colling was selling more 3D printed items at the beginning of this week. The children have loved the new selection of toys. An amazing total of just under £500 was raised

**Christmas Lunch**

Our dining room was transformed yesterday for our Christmas lunch and I would like to thank Chartwells for the catering. Both children and staff were served a delicious, traditional lunch followed by a cake or biscuit for desert. The Christmas music filled the room as children ate their lunch with friends. It was a lovely occasion and brilliant to see so many children enjoying their vegetables!

**Christmas parties**

A reminder has been sent today about the Christmas parties on Monday. Children will not need a packed lunch on this day as they will be given party food. They can wear their own clothes so they are ready for the party or can bring clothes to change into if they prefer. We have lots of party games and fun planned so it will be a brilliant start to the week.

**Household vouchers**

All household vouchers have now been issued to eligible families. These have been sent to the email that was registered with us. If you have not received your voucher and the child resides with you, please first check your junk box and then contact the school office.

**Items in main office**

We are getting an increasing number of items that are being left at the school office reception area. We now regularly find pushchairs, bikes and scooters left during the school day. Please can families use the bike storage on the main yard for any scooters or bikes and pushchairs should be taken home. Using the area for storage can cause a problem for visitors to the school as it is becoming very crowded. It is also a fire exit and should be easily accessible in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

**Holiday Clubs**

I would just like to remind families that there is a holiday club scheme through Durham County Council which gives eligible families access to free activities over the school holidays. These activities also include a hot meal. There are also a small number of paid places available in these clubs for parents who would not otherwise be eligible but would like their child to take part. You can find more information on the Council website under ‘Fun and Food’. <https://www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood>

**Childhood illness**

The UK Health Security Agency have seen an increase in the number of reported norovirus cases in England, which appears to be occurring earlier in the winter season than is typical, on top of an already high background level. We are now seeing this increase across school.

Public Health would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the '48 hour rule' with respect to diarrhoea and vomiting (i.e. pupils should stay away from school until 48hrs after their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting). Remember good hand hygiene and infection control measures help reduce the spread of viruses and infections.

We also have a small outbreak of headlice in some classes. Please ensure you check your child’s hair thoroughly and treat lice and eggs. Children can return immediately after treatment.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch. If there is any information you believe is important to pass on about your child, staff are always available on the school yard, by email or you can make an appointment through the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher

**Upcoming diary dates**

Monday 16th December - Class Christmas parties.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Service at St Andrew’s Church (10am, parents welcome)

Friday 20th December - School finishes for Christmas break

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - School reopens