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'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
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Dear Parents

Christmas events

Our final week of term is finally here and the children are just about managing to contain their excitement. Thank you to Mrs Cullen and Mrs Gould for our wonderful Christmas lunch yesterday. It was enjoyed by staff and children alike who all sat down together for a traditional turkey dinner.

This was then followed by a surprise yesterday afternoon when we heard bells ringing and a few minutes later in walked Santa, (which we hope you have heard all about)! The children weren't taking any chances at this stage of the year and made sure they were on their best behaviour. Thank you very much to Santa for taking the time to visit us during this busy period.

Our Christmas Fayre was enjoyed by many last Friday night. As always our TRISPTA members did a sterling job of organising the majority of it while the school visited the Pantomime. Staff, PTA members and some parent volunteers then helped in the late afternoon and also manned the stalls. We are extremely grateful for all of this help as the event could not go ahead without it; thank you! There is also an awful lot of behind the scenes work that takes place, for example, sorting the raffle, arranging Santa and his presents, organisation of stall holders, buying of refreshments, etc, etc. Well done to all involved for raising a fantastic £1500.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Thank you to the two parents who returned a nomination form. The ballot took place this morning and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Ashton as our new Parent Governor.

Attendance

Congratulations to the 40 children who have received a certificate for 100% attendance for this term. You have all done extremely well to avoid the various bugs and illnesses that have



hit so many children (and adults) over the last few weeks. The class with the highest attendance rate this term was 2K. Well done.

Dinner Money

For the parents who pay dinner money for the next half term, the amount is £63.00. This is for Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February inclusive. Reception class have a school trip on Friday 25th January, so if your child usually stays for lunches on this day please deduct £2.10. The cost of a school dinner remains at £2.10 per day for children who stay on a daily basis. If you wish to pay by Parent Pay and need further information please contact the school office. Thank you.

We wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and happy, healthy New Year and will see you all back at school on Monday 7th January 2013.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer
Co-Headteachers