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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

What a week! So much has happened this week in school but the children (and staff) have kept their feet firmly on the ground and entered into the true spirit of Christmas.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the school fair and who contributed by way of donations or baking cakes. (they were all wonderful). You helped us raise **£900** including the raffle. This is going towards play equipment for the Reception outdoor area. All money raised by the PTA goes back in to school and it is used at different times of the year to help fund activities. During next year they will help support class trips to reduce the cost passed on to parents. Without your help and support, this would not be possible.

Special thank you goes to the members of the PTA. They have done a fantastic job throughout the year and especially working towards the setting up of the fair. A lot of their own time and effort goes in to arranging this event and as a school and I'm sure, as parents, we all appreciate everything they have done. Please help to support this team. This can be done by way of volunteering your time at events or putting forward fundraising ideas.



Infant Nativity Play

Wow, there certainly are some budding actors and actresses in this school. What a lovely performance, with kings, angels, sheep and many more wonderful stars of the show. It was wonderful to watch. Well done to our children for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with us in their own very special way. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have been involved with putting the show together. Our Pupil Chaplains performance of A Choreographed Prayer Dance, Oh Holy Night was also truly beautiful and very moving.



Junior Nativity- The Late Wise Man

On a cold and wintery night, the children turned out to give a fantastic performance for friends, family, relatives and parishioners. We thank them for offering support and sharing this special event with us in Church. As with all shows, a lot of hard work has gone in to putting this together not only by the children but by the staff too. In a short space of time they rehearsed lines, and hymns in between their usual hard work in school. Well done everyone.

Thank you for the many positive comments and emails received in response to both nativities.



Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday is Christmas Dinner Day. The children may also wear a Christmas jumper alongside the remainder of their usual school uniform if they wish. Please do not go to any expense - tinsel on their school jumper can be just as 'Christmassy'.

Infant Christmas Party

This is on Monday. Just to clarify, the children can come in their party clothes for this day. Please ensure they have warm /suitable clothing and footwear as they will play outside at breaktimes.

The Junior Party

This is on Tuesday. Children must come in normal uniform for this day.



Well done

Congratulations to Clare Devine who guessed the weight of the cake competition. It weighed 1.775KG! I hope you share the cake!

Milk

Milk is free to all children under 5. Once they turn 5 you will need to pay for your child to have milk at the start of the half term in which the child turns 5. Please go to

<http://www.milk4life.com/>



Sporting Achievements

Keifer competed in the North West Gymnastics competition at the weekend along with a team from his club Ribble Valley Acrobatic Academy.

Keifer did very well. Despite the pressure of a competition, he didn't forget his routine and he won a silver medal! Well done Keifer.

Governor News

This term we said Thank you and farewell to Mr Martin Flatley who has been a governor at this school for over 20 years. We thank Mr Flatley for his service and dedication to our school community during this time.

Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

Please see below the list of clubs available. Currently a number are undersubscribed and we will have to cancel them if they are not filled. If you have already paid, you will be informed if the club is not carrying on before next Thursday.

Monday	Dodgeball	Yr 4/5/6	8.00am-8.45
Tuesday	Tennis	Yr 1/2/3	8.00am-8.45
Wednesday	Judo	All years	8.00am-8.45
Thursday	Multi skills	Yr 1/2/3	8.00am-8.45
Friday	Futsal	Yr4/5/6	8.00am-8.45

Monday	Gymnastics	Yr 3/ 4	3.30pm -4.30
Tuesday	Netball	Yr 3/4/5/6	3.30pm -4.30
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	Yr 3/4/5/6	3.30pm -4.30
Wednesday	Computer Coding	Yr 3/4/5/6	3.30pm -4.30
Wednesday	Cross Country	Yr 3/4/5/6	3.30pm -4.30
Thursday	Dance	Yr Rec/1/2	3.30pm -4.30
Thursday	Drama	Yr 1-6	3.30pm -4.30
Friday	Football	Yr 4/5/6	3.30pm -4.30
Friday	Zumba	Yr 3/4/5/6	3.30pm -4.30

There are no clubs next week.



Choir

I would like to thank and congratulate our School Choir for their efforts singing at local supermarkets and in Clitheroe. The Choir have supported our fundraising efforts for our chosen charities - Ribble Valley Crossroads Care & Meningitis Now. Thank you to all staff who have prepared the children, and the staff and parents who attended and sang with them and to Mrs Lambert for co-ordinating/leading this.

On Tuesday evening the choir represented SSMJ at the Rotary carol service in church attended by local dignitaries and members of our community. Once again they were a credit to themselves and the school.

We will let you know the total raised next week.

E-safety

As many of our children may receive 'connected' gifts over the festive season, Lancashire have produced useful guidance to support parents and carers. Information, along with a variety of other useful resources can be found at <http://www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/online-safeguarding>
We hope you find this a useful resource.

Next Week

Monday 18th - KS1 Christmas Party
Choir to sing at Booths

Tuesday 19th - KS2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th - Christmas Jumper and dinner day. Full uniform to be worn but Christmas jumper/cardigan instead of school jumper/cardigan.
Music Concert in school 9.30am - Parents invited
Choir to sing at Bowland Court
Choir to sing at Sainsburys

Thursday 21st - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2.15PM. Please pass this early time on to carers/Grandparents & relatives who may collect.

There will be final newsletter next week with dates for the Spring term.

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th January - Crazy Hair Day.

The Student Council are fundraising for items for the outside classroom. They have organised a 'Crazy hair day'. Children can pay 50p to wear their hair differently that day. e.g. wear JoJo bows, gel, change the colour, wigs etc.

Many thanks for your continued support

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