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Together Everybody Achieves More

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Dear Parents,

This week has seen us celebrate Christmas in every year group in either school or in church. Through the services and assemblies we have reminded the children about both the joy and meaning of Christmas. They in turn have helped us stop and reflect on our busy lives and appreciate the warmth of their message. They have done this brilliantly and have wowed us with their singing, reading and acting. At the end of each assembly/service we held a collection which has raised over £200 for the Shelter Charity and £200 for UNICEF.

Thank you Mrs Jenkins

This week we said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Jenkins who has worked at St. Bridget's as a catering assistant, cashier and cleaner for 22 years. In our Friday assembly all the children thanked her for her hard work and dedication to St. Bridget's and wished her a happy retirement.

The Christmas Fair

This year we raised a huge £6800. This is a fantastic amount and once again I repeat my thanks to everybody who contributed to planning, setting up, organising and helping with the fair. It was a great success and wonderful for all the children and community to be part of something special.

Thank you Mr Phillips

Mr Phillips is one of our volunteer chess coaches. Unfortunately he has been taken seriously ill and is not able to carry on teaching the children to play chess. On behalf of all the children who have benefited from Ray's coaching we would like to say thank you. We have recently bought a trophy which will be awarded to the child who is seen as a good coach and is able to help other players. This will be presented in our awards assembly at the end of term.

Music Update

Mrs McCarthy and the choir have been busy with a number of engagements in December. They have sung at the Methodist Church, Westbourne Hall and in the community. They have shown great enthusiasm and have brought a lot of joy to many at this time of year. On Monday all of the musicians performed with great energy in our Christmas Music Talent Assembly. Our Orchestra has also started to grow in confidence and I would like to thank Miss Johnson for all her hard work.

Well done Year 5 Girls

A few months ago a small group of year 5 girls asked me if they could raise money for UNICEF. Since then, with the help of their families they have made literally hundreds of cakes and sold them to children in school. This has been a great success and so far they have raised over £80. And they have not stopped yet. They still have a few more year groups to sell cakes too which they will complete in the New Year.

Well done Freya

As a Christmas gift for her class mates Freya has bought a gift of a goat from Oxfam Unwrapped. She explained to me that the goat will help a family in Malawi by providing fresh milk and manure, which in turn can be sold to pay for food, school fees and medicine. What a fabulous idea.

Great Effort Adam

Adam in Year 6 decided to raise money for a Cancer charity by shaving off all his hair at the end of term. He reports that the process was not easy as he had quite thick hair and he is now feeling the cold! We warmly applauded Adam's wonderful effort in assembly today.

Polite reminders

Dogs

I ask that dogs (except guide dogs) are not brought into the playground and even when they are tied up by the school gate that they are attended. With 420 children and numerous adults walking past they can get excitable and on occasions this can cause concern.

New phone numbers and emails

This is just a quick reminder that if you are lucky enough to receive an upgrade for your mobile or laptops over Christmas and your contact details change, please let us know as soon as possible in January.

School Meal Prices

School meal prices are increasing by 5p in the New Year. Information about the new prices is on the website and has been sent in a separate email.

On behalf of all the staff at St. Bridget's I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Neil Le Feuvre

