



Windermere Primary School

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Newsletter 6



Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive season is well underway here at school. The Christmas Fair was very successful thanks to the hard work of the PTA and their helpers. Every year they donate money towards the cost of school visits, significantly reducing the cost for every parent and thereby making class excursions available to everyone. This year the Christmas Fair raised in the region of £1000! Thank you to all of you who came along and either helped out or spent money there.

Christmas in a Shoebox

The winners of the Christmas in a Shoebox competition were:

EYFS and KS1 – Rami (Y2)

Lower KS2 – Lucy (Y4)

Upper KS2 – Molly (Y5)

Well done to all the entries though, which showed an impressive level of creativity and imagination.

Telephone Numbers

The school has two telephone lines: the incoming calls line 01727 853360 and the fax line 01727 855878. In order to leave the incoming line free to receive calls, staff call *out* on the fax line. So if you receive a missed call from the 855878 number, please do not call it back as you will get the fax machine. Instead call us on the main school line - 853360.

'What Christmas Means to Me'

The Christmas production is a delight. The jokes are corny, but Year 2's acting is impressive and the singing from the whole school is, as always, tear-jerkingly good. Unfortunately both evening performances are 'sold out'. If you have any tickets for either evening performance that you no longer need please contact the school office and let us know so that we can offer parents on our waiting list an opportunity to see their child's performance.

The Christmas production is part of the school calendar and we do expect pupils to participate in the evening performances unless they have exceptional reasons for not attending. Although the main parts of the production are taken by specific classes, every child contributes to their class's singing performance and the support they offer the actors is invaluable.

Christmas Postal Service

The post box for Christmas cards is by the office and Year 6 are carrying out deliveries from now until the Christmas holidays. Please ensure that cards are clearly addressed with the **name and class** of the recipient. Unfortunately we are unable to deliver cards to 'Granny' or 'Lucy'.



Bad Weather Arrangements

With weather warnings being issued for other parts of the country, this seems an appropriate time to remind parents about our procedures for bad weather. If there should be a snowfall during term time it may be necessary to close the school if we are unable to provide a safe environment for the children. This includes not having sufficient staff on site to provide an adequate level of supervision. In the event that the decision is made to close the school, parents will be notified in three ways.

- **Internet:** www.hertsdirect.org will contain information about the closure status of all schools in Hertfordshire. This can also be accessed from the front page of the Windermere website.
- **Text:** We will send a text to all parents for whom we have up to date mobile phone numbers. If you have recently changed your telephone number, then you should check that the office has your current mobile number listed.
- **Radio:** Three Counties Radio will include information about school closures during their broadcasts.

If the weather changes during the course of the school day, we are sometimes obliged to close early to ensure that everyone – children and staff – can get home safely. If this looks possible, then please look out for notification of an early closure on your mobile phones.

I hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Please remember that we close at 2pm on Friday 19th December and re-open to children on Tuesday 6th January 2015!

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Raftery
Headteacher