



Windermere Primary School

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Newsletter 6



Dear Parents,

Christmas Fair: 5th December 11am -1pm

Tomorrow is the school's Christmas Fair. Please make sure that you come along and support this great event. There will be games to play, crafty presents to make, prizes to win, cakes to buy and Santa to visit.

Children in Need

You will be very pleased to hear that the sponsored run/cycle which was part of the Space to Earth Challenge raised almost £1200! What a phenomenal achievement! Well done to everyone who took part, but especially well done to those children who raised money for Children in Need.

Sahodar UK

You may be interested to hear that I have received a delightful thank you letter following our Socks for Nepal collection. It said, *'In the winter the children still use rubber flip flops. Those who can afford socks wear them, but still with flip flops. Most just endure the cold. The socks will be well received in the country areas especially. Some will also be used as a means of encouraging families to attend clinics. Each family attending has a free pair of socks. I feel the biggest plus with your project is that there is a whole school taking an interest in a poor, but developing country.'*

It is heartwarming to think that half a world away children and their families are enjoying your kind donations.

Sporting fixtures

Our sports teams have had a busy term. The cross country team have represented us at Colney Heath, Fleetville and Wheatfields. Whilst they haven't been at the front of the field on each occasion, it is very pleasing to see that they are improving on their personal best each time.

The netball team have had three matches so far. They beat Aboyne Lodge (3-2) and Prae Wood (4-2) and although they didn't beat Oakwood, who always field a very strong team, they are in a strong position in the league.



Our footballers have also played three matches. They won an away match to Camp School (3-4), but disappointingly lost the return match here 3-6. Yesterday they were away to Park Street. It was a good game and the team worked very hard, but unfortunately lost 3-0 on this occasion.

Christmas Performances

I am sure you will already be looking forward to the fantastic singing and delightful acting that has become a tradition here at Windermere. We are making a slight change this year as it was clear that two evening performances was simply too much for many of our Reception children. Consequently the Reception children are doing their very own nativity play on Tuesday 15th December. Some of Year 5 will be providing the narration, whilst the rest of the school provide the singing. I know that it will be tear-jerking!

Our Year 2 children are working hard to learn their lines and practise their acting as they take the main roles in the Christmas play, 'Baubles'. As usual the rest of the school will be providing the musical accompaniment of songs and carols. Such events are a fantastic part of a school community like Windermere and it is important that every child recognises that they are an important part of the cast, whether they are an actor with lots of lines or singing with their class. As such everyone is expected to be back for the two evening performances on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

Don't forget costumes are due in school by Monday 7th December. In case you have forgotten:

Year 6 are tourists

Year 5 are donkeys

Year 4 are innkeepers

Year 3 are camels

and **Year 1** are sheep

After School Clubs

The booking form for after school clubs will be coming out this afternoon. Please return the form no later than Wednesday 9th December.

Staff Training Days

The first two days of the spring term will be training days for staff, so no children will be in school. The first day for children is WEDNESDAY 6th January.

Please don't forget that we finish on FRIDAY 18th December at 2pm.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. D. Raftery
Headteacher