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Dear Parents,

Christmas Performances

Reception's Nativity was, as predicted, tear-jerking. The children were absolutely adorable as they remembered all their lines and delivered them with such clear voices.

Year 2, supported by the rest of the school, were fabulous. They had so many lines and cues to learn, but they did so with enthusiasm and good humour. The result was a charming retelling of the Christmas story. The singing from the rest of the school was delightful and certainly created a Christmas feel for everyone present.

The only disappointment for us was that a number of children did not return to school for the evening performances. The staff give up their evenings at the end of a very long term, because they recognise that these special events are part of the community essence that is Windermere. It is so disappointing when some members of the school community do not support the hard work of their peers – learning songs and practising acting parts – by not returning to the evening performances. There will always be some children who are not able to return for various reasons, but these are remarkably few.

St Albans High School

St Albans High School is a local girls' independent school, which won the Sunday Times Independent Secondary School of the Year award recently. Earlier this term they invited us to be in a partnership with them. Miss Scott and Miss Willmer have already visited the school as part of this partnership and during the summer term they will be piloting some masterclasses for our Year 5 pupils. This is a very exciting development for both schools and I will keep you informed of further developments.

Christmas Fair

Thanks to the hard work of our PTA and your support the Christmas Fair raised an amazing £1500.



Smart Watches and Mobiles

I do hope that Santa brings you everything you desire, but I would like to remind you that, in line with our e-Safety policy, Smart Watches are not permitted in school for either staff or pupils.

I am also concerned with the number of mobile phones that are being brought into school. In January we will be asking parents to explain why their child needs a phone in school. It must be an exception not a rule.

Uniform and Haircuts

As we stagger towards the end of term uniform can sometimes become a little more haphazard than usual. From the beginning of next term it will be expected that pupils are wearing the correct uniform – including **black** shoes!

No doubt many children will have their 'back-to-school' haircut. But please remember that extreme haircuts are not allowed. This includes not only patterns cut into hair, but also what might be referred to as 'fuzzy tops' i.e. where the sides are almost shaven and the top section of hair is much longer. Every child with hair longer than collar length should have it tied back. Not just with a little clip at the side, but properly tied away from the face. We are very proud of our pupils and how smart they look.

REMEMBER ***Staff Training Days*****REMEMBER**

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.**

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher