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Dear Parents and Carers

Pudsey would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to raise money for Children in Need last week. The cake bake, spotty day and Pudsey gifts raised almost £350, which was fantastic.

The cake bake was particularly popular and it was clear that we need some more bakers to meet the demand. Your next opportunity to flex your baking muscles will be the **Christmas Fair on Saturday, 3rd December**. If you are able to help in anyway, please contact the PTA, who will be delighted to have extra support. Remember the more helpers we have, the more stalls we can run, the more money we raise and the more you and your child will benefit.

Andy Murray? The Williams sisters?

KS1 and Reception have been enjoying tennis tasters courtesy of Batchwood Tennis Centre. If anyone is interested in a tennis day on Saturday 10th December at Batchwood Sports Centre please see the details attached.

Library

Our plans for a library extension are coming along well. Tenders have been submitted and we are hoping that work will start in February half term. Unfortunately there will be some disruption, but we will try to minimise this and the eventual outcome will be worth it. The addition of a library, where children can sit and choose books, developing a love of reading, will be an exciting development for the school. The extension will also include a meeting room which will provide a quiet space for children to work and a base for our proposed after school care. Watch this space for further updates.

Sport

Barely a week goes by without a sporting fixture appearing on the calendar. The cross country team are now on a winter break, which is just as well as some of them are needed on our netball and football teams! The girls' football team played valiantly against St Albans & St Stephens School but ultimately lost 6-0. The boys' football team played a very close game against Aboyne Lodge Primary School, losing 6-4. The netball team have been busy playing against Aboyne Lodge Primary School with a fantastic win of 8-1.

Letters Home

We are trying to improve communication between school and home by sending some letters by email. The office is very busy, especially on a Friday afternoon, so we won't always remember, but if you haven't also received this newsletter by email then it may be that we don't have your email address on our system. Unfortunately you will get an email per child, so if you have several children, you may find yourself inundated with letters.



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Attendance and Punctuality

I'm really pleased to see that both attendance and punctuality are improving, however there are still a number of children who regularly arrive late. Good time-keeping is a valuable life-skill which future employers will value and children who arrive late in the mornings are immediately disadvantaged as they struggle to settle down.

Currently the whole school attendance is 96.4%, it would be great if we could get to at least 97% this year.

I know this is the season of sniffles, but encourage your child to come to school whenever possible, knowing that if we feel they aren't well enough to be at school we will contact you. The exception to this is sickness and diarrhoea - school health advice is that children (and adults) should stay at home for 48 hours following the last bout of illness, even if they seem fine.

Clubs

The After School Clubs letter will be coming out next week, so please look out for it. Pupils who were unsuccessful in getting a place on a club last time will be offered a priority place this time.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Raftery
Headteacher