

Windermere Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school is looking very festive with the charming garlands that the children produced and the many Christmas lights and decorations. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the staff who gave up an evening of their own time at the end of a long week of parent consultation meetings in order to decorate the school in a way that create a sense of awe and wonder as children arrived on Monday morning.

Some of the governors helped out and one of their crucial tasks was to choose the best garland and winter sports scene.

The winners of the garland competition were:

KS1 – Year 1's snowflakes KS2 – Year 4's pom-pom snowmen

The winners of the winter scene were:

Whole School - Year 3

Christmas Fair

Please don't forget to come along and support our Christmas Fair on SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2pm – 4pm

There will be stalls to visit, games and competitions to play and prizes to win. All are welcome. Offers of help to set up and clear away are gratefully received, please let Caroline Adams know if you can help in anyway.







Christmas Postal Service

The post box for Christmas cards has been placed by the office and Year 6 will be 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'.

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: <u>www.hertsdirect.org</u> 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 did not receive today's text reminding you about the Christmas Fair tomorrow, 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 look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the school fair tomorrow.

Mrs. D. Raftery Headteacher