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Dear Parents and Carers

Apologies that we were unable to send this letter home with children yesterday due to technical problems.

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us at the Christmas Fayre last month. The event was a huge success and raised over £900. Thank you to FODs for all of their hard work arranging the event. Special thanks must also go to Mr Lawrence Barrass for arranging the outside lighting for the event which meant we could host stalls outside creating a lovely festive environment. We are also very grateful to the Parish Council for their support of the event and allowing us to host the village Christmas tree again this year.

Pupil Voice Updates

The digital leaders have planned and led class worship on e safety this term with the main headline being zip it, block it, flag it. They continue to support the school in making sure iPads are looked after correctly and charged and are also going to be working on teaching the school how to use data loggers in the new year.

The Team Captains have been busy sorting and delivering Christmas cards around the school. They have shown amazing team work and cooperation to ensure that everyone receives their cards on time. Well done Team Captains.

The Eco Warriors have worked hard to support Mrs Rawson and the shoe box appeal. They set up a collection point in the schools entrance and presented Mrs and Mr Rawson with all the wonderful things that children had brought in ready for the shoe box filling morning. The Eco Warriors will be continuing to collect all of the unwanted items throughout the year.

The School Council have been very busy this term looking at the reflection areas in each class. They have sent their findings to Mrs Ruff and have made some suggestions to further develop them. The Council have also helped with Children in Need and organised a very successful competition to design Pudsey an outfit. They received many fantastic entries.

Year 3 and 4 took part in an enterprise project for Christmas this year. Children have really enjoyed designing and creating their Christmas products and have learnt a lot about budgets in the process. It has also helped with team work and co-operation as children have been working together on different aspects of the project.

Wills Diner

We would like to reassure parents following recent media coverage regarding Will's Diners recent Food Hygiene rating. The issues that were raised by the inspection have been swiftly dealt with and we are confident that upon their next inspection in the new year they will achieve a much improved rating.

Name Change

When we return in January Mrs Bristow will be known as Miss Bradshaw.

Midday Supervisor

We will be advertising for a midday supervisor to join our lunchtime team at the beginning of January. Please check our website nearer the time for more details or pop into the school office.

Thank you and goodbye

A big thank you to Mrs Sue Rickells who has been helping children get to school safely for many years by operating the school crossing patrol on Ryland Road. She helped her last family across the road at the end of term and will be missed by all. We will keep you posted with news on her replacement as soon as we have confirmation.

Please note that there will be no school crossing patrol until the end of January. We will advise you via parent hub when the service will resume.

Thank you to Mr Court who has been helping us in school for the last year and a half, including accompanying the year 6's to North Norfolk on their residential this year. He has now moved on to start a Teaching Assistant apprenticeship. He will be greatly missed in school.

Be safe be seen

Please can you ensure that if your child is using a bike at this time of year it has a light on and they are wearing suitable reflective clothing to ensure their safety.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Christmas jumper day yesterday. We raised £121.50 for the Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance.

Refurbishment

We are pleased to announce works will start in January on remodelling the 'black hole' area outside the Y5 / Y6 classrooms. We are looking forward to having some quiet spaces and a reading area for the children in addition to lockers.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 7th January 2019!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

Patricia Ruff
Headteacher

