

19/12/19

Dear Parent/Carers,

'Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly'

This term has been another busy and successful one. This week has been a real joy to see our children enjoying their Christmas Parties and having their special visit by Santa. Last week right across school in the 8 wonderful performances the children made their families and themselves very proud with enthusiastic singing and super acting. These are wonderful memories for our children that will last a lifetime. Do you remember what you were in your Christmas Play at school?

'Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children' Charles R Swindoll

Thank you for helping to change/save lives by your donations at our Christmas Performances. We raised £225 for the Air Ambulance and Teesside Children's Hospice.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Craft Fair and the Grand Prize Draw we raised a huge total of £1,771.00. Some of the money raised goes towards providing a Christmas cracker and a present from Santa for every child. It also provides prizes for games and extra resources for Christmas activities in school. The Friends of the School have recently bought 3 new ovens, stainless steel units and utensils for pupils to use in the craft/cooking areas. They also bought new outdoor play equipment for Foundation Stage. Along with new playtime and lunchtime play equipment for across school. If your child participated in the team treat days these were also partially funded by the Friends of School.

Thanks to the Friends of the School for all their fundraising and hard work to enable that to happen. If you would like to join them and be another valuable helper at the events please contact Mrs Brown at the school office. These group of volunteers are excellent role models for their children who I am sure will be the volunteers of the future leading to a fulfilled life!

'Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it' Marian Wright Endleman

A reminder that there is free parking at the back of the Elm Tree Shops and Sainsbury's where it takes **less** than five minutes to walk to school. It could be a New Year's resolution to park and stride?

Our last day at school is **Friday 20th January** (tomorrow) are we open again on **Monday 6th January** when we welcome the children back for the start of the new term. I look forward to seeing the children smartly dressed in school uniform and with appropriate hairstyles (no gel, no jewellery). Remember they only have one childhood.

The first week back will be our International Week when the children across school will be studying a different country, looking and exploring their music, food and culture.

Foundation Stage will be studying - Animals around the world

Year 1 will be studying - Brazil

Year 2 will be studying - Africa

Year 3 will be studying - Oceania

Year 4 will be studying - Japan

Year 5 will be studying - China

Year 6 will be studying - North America

Best Wishes

It has been a busy term and the staff have enjoyed working with your delightful children. Thank you for all the wonderful support at recent events and for all the kind and positive comments which are passed on to our hardworking staff, they are very much appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff and governors of Whitehouse Primary School I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Randle

Head Teacher