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Dear Parents and Families,

A big thank you

This term we have done three fundraising events for different charities, Children in Need, Barnados and the Christingle Society. Your generosity has been fantastic. For Children in need you raised £226, for the Christingle Society you raised £40 and for Barnados you raised an amazing £520. On behalf of these charities can I say a very big than you to everyone who gave so generously.

Staying safe over Christmas

As the Christmas holidays are here and with the nights being very dark now we have been reminding the children about staying safe, while out and about. We have highlighted to the children the importance of wearing bright colours or reflective strips when walking or on their bikes and scooters. We have talked about not talking to people or going off with people we don't know. Could you help us help reinforce these messages to ensure that all our children have a happy holiday and return to school safe and well.

INSET Day

Monday the 7th January is an INSET day for both the infants and the Juniors. School starts back for the children on Tuesday the 8th January. Kangaroos class will need to enter the school from the back hall door to go to their new classroom, which was the Drama Room.

New Class

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the new families starting at our school in the New Year. We will have around twenty children start in the new class and a few more start in Year 2. Many of these families are Army families new to the area. The Army families are Nepalese families who have been stationed out in Brunei for the past few years and are now moving back to the UK. Though the weather may come as a bit of a shock I know that the welcome they will receive from the school community will be fantastic. The new class will be called Dolphin class and will be taught by Mrs Sue Grange with Mrs Mairi Alexander and Mrs Jane McNally as the new class LSA's. Mrs Grange and Mrs Alexander are new members of staff to the school but they bring with them a wealth of experience and we are looking forward to working with them.

Christmas

It has been another fantastic Christmas at school. The children did themselves proud during all of the performances and I hope you enjoyed them. Thank you for any support you gave helping children get ready for the performance, making costumes, helping to learn lines or just listening to the same songs being sung for the past few weeks. I hope you have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Greenhalgh
Headteacher

