

## **Parent email update 6: Autumn 2 8th December 23**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very near to the end of term and Christmas feels closer and closer.....what a wonderful thought! We have enjoyed our Year 5 & 6 production of 'Hoodwinked' this week and are in awe of the confidence on stage whilst acting and singing – a special mention to our soloists Olivia, Thea, Barnaby and Anna! Our December 'Let's Celebrate' will share more photographs and memories.

### **To celebrate...**

#### **Christmas Fair with Infant School on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> 3.30pm**

We would like to thank our wonderful band of Christmas Elves who worked behind the scenes planning, preparing and running stalls on Friday evening; a particular mention to Head Elves Mr & Mrs Carp who organised the Raffle!

This was a joint Junior & Infant fundraising event, with entertainment from choirs in both schools; a special shout out to every member of the Junior choir, Wow!

We thank every parent/carer who provided Tombola/stall items, purchased Raffle tickets, and attended the event at St Peter & St Paul's and the Blake Hall. We have had confirmation from Mr Carp, PTGA Treasurer, that the event raised approximately £3000. This means that each school will receive approximately £1300 – what incredible news! We plan to use this to fund a whole school enrichment event in the Spring Term – watch this space!

#### **Year 5 & 6 production of 'Hoodwinked'**

We would like to praise every child in Year 5 & 6 who contributed to a wonderful production of the Robin Hood themed play 'Hoodwinked'. We thank parents/carers for providing costumes and for their help in learning lines.

Year 2 from the Infant school joined us for our Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday and then we performed to an audience within the afternoon. We then performed on Wednesday evening and have a rescheduled performance on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

A huge thank you to our talented staff within Upper school who choreographed and directed the performance / created scenery & props.

### **To update...**

#### **Christmas Jumper day/non-uniform on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

We would like to confirm that all children may wear Christmas themed clothing/headwear on Wednesday to celebrate our Christmas Lunch in the Hall! (There is no voluntary donation for this)

#### **School choir singing at Burnworthy on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

We would like to share that our school choir will be entertaining the residents of Burnworthy after school on Wednesday; a huge thank you to Mrs Berry for organising this.

### **Packed Lunches on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

A reminder that Figs are not offering hot lunch on Thursday due to local schools having their Christmas Lunch option. A Festive packed lunch was offered within ParentPay so, if not chosen, remaining children will require a packed lunch.

### **Christingle Service on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

We look forward to our annual Christmas service at St Peter and St Paul's and for Rev Tracey's involvement. Parents/carers will receive a permission slip to choose to collect either from the Church or from school. This year, Christingles will be provided to Year 6 at the end of the service.

### **School Christmas Card competition**

Head Students and Head of Years agreed a Gingerbread Man design for this year's annual Christmas card design. We are extremely pleased to announce that the winning designs were decorated by Oscar and Apple in Year 6.

### **Gallery Monitor Reading Project**

A reminder that our Gallery Monitors are currently working with Mrs Hingley on a creative design project - Please check your homes for any old/damaged books that are no longer required (thick novels please).

### **Staffing Update**

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed a Full time Learning Support Assistant for the new year. We welcome Mrs Natalie Brooks to the team at SPJS.

### **Vacancies**

We currently have the position of Clerk to Governors on our school website and Dillington Advertising website.

### **Attendance**

We have received our termly monitoring visit from the Education Engagement Service. Our Attendance Liaison Officer has praised our school systems and graduated response to absence but would like to confirm that medical evidence will be required for any children at Stage 2 (below 95%). This may be a text/email reminder of an appointment time.

We have been asked to remind parents that punctuality is vital – lateness continues to be monitored and parents will receive notification of persistent lateness / lateness after the close of registration. This is in addition to our usual termly monitoring of registration certificates; parents/carers will receive letters in January.

We would now like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who continue to send their children to school on time and who always contact the Office for updates of any absence. This reduces administration time and is much appreciated; we all know that attendance is a home/school team effort.

### **Dates in the diary**

<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Rescheduled performance of Hoodwinked 6.15pm
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Jumper Day / Non-Uniform (No Charity donation required)

	Christmas Lunch (Option within ParentPay) Choir Singing at Burnworthy House (After school)
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	No Hot lunch option – packed Lunches for all
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christingle Service at St Peter & St Paul's 2pm Break up for Christmas Holidays
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	Christmas Holidays
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	INSET
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	School returns for Spring Term