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Autumn 3

Dear Parents,

We have much to celebrate!

Our fabulous PTA Committee did a sterling job of planning and running the Christmas Fair. It was highly organised and ran like clockwork thanks to the committee and their band of volunteer parents and Year 6 helpers. The Fair raised a staggering £2,215.63!

The children did us proud in the Christmas Celebration, reminding us of what this special time of year is really all about. Thank you especially to our readers, nativity scene children and musicians.

Wednesday was such a busy day! It saw lots of very Christmassy dressed children and staff sharing Christmas Dinner. We had two sittings, the first for Years 3 & 4 and the second for Years 5 & 6. Kerry and her team did a great job of cooking 361 festive lunches. The meal was delicious and the children thoroughly enjoyed pulling the crackers generously supplied by the PTA. Thank you to our hardworking team of lunchtime controllers, teachers and learning mentors for waiting on tables and clearing up after the mammoth feast.

Thank you to the PTA and parents helpers for running two very successful discos. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to the choir and to Mrs Newell for supporting the children and giving up Sunday afternoon and lots of lunchtimes for rehearsals. This year's concert was wonderful and the choir were in fine voice. Their behaviour was impeccable.

Congratulations to those children who performed in the Talents' Assemblies. We had some superb acts. Each were a great way to showcase our gymnasts, musicians, singers, dancers and our very own hula hooper.

Image Musical Theatre presented 'The Selfish Giant' to the whole school this morning. This was our way of saying thank you and well done to the children for all of their hard work and effort this term.

Thank you to the governors and parent helpers who have volunteered their time this term to run our football teams, hear readers, help with trips and special events. The support has been invaluable.

Our very best wishes go with Chloe Chatterton and Caitlan Visser who are moving to new schools, Caitlan is heading up North to Blackpool and Chloe is off to Crown Wood in Bracknell. We will miss them both and but wish them well at their new schools.

My final and biggest thank you has to be to the children. It is a real privilege to work alongside such enthusiastic and hardworking learners. The children and staff couldn't have put more effort into this term. They definitely deserve a holiday.

All that remains is for me to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs J M Taylor





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#### **Reporting an Absence**

From January, parents will be able to report their child's absence using the ParentMail app. This is accessible via the Absence section of the app. This feature will be enabled ready for the Spring Term. This or sending an email to our absence mailbox will be our preferred reporting method.

Please can we remind parents, that absences must be reported each day to school by 10:00am.

#### Netball Match Report By Rebecca Brown, 6V

On the 25th November the Netball Squad had a match against Gorse Ride at St Paul's. We did well and had a few chances to score, but Gorse Ride were brilliant and won the match. But St Paul's were very supportive and are hoping for a better score on the next match.

#### **Naming Items**

We have had a number of lost property items without names. Please can you take time over the holidays to check your child's belongings and ensure they are clearly named.

### **Dressing the Christmas Tree**

Congratulations to Emma Conaghan, Jacob Wyeth, Caitlin & Elly Ure for winning the Dressing the Christmas Tree competition. Their decorations are proudly displayed on the Christmas Tree in Wokingham town square. Do have a look if you are passing by.



#### **Dates for your Diary**

4th January	INSET DAY - School Closed
5th January	1st day of Term, 8:40am
8th January	Year 5 Trip to Milestones Museum
21st January	TVRL Race - Black Park, Slough
4th February	Parents' Evening, 3:50 - 7:40pm
5th February	Open Afternoon, 2:00 - 3:15pm
10th February	Parents' Evening, 3:50 - 6:40pm
15th - 19th Feb	HALF TERM - School Closed
25th February	TVRL Race - Lightwater Park

# **Starting:**

Tuesday 2nd, 9th & 23rd February 2016

## Time:

7.45 - 9.30pm

# **Book by calling:**

Tim 07528705242/Helen 0118 9540994

## Run by:

Kings Church/Christchurch Wokingham

## Venue:

REME Room, Town Hall, Market Place, Wokingham RG40 1AS

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