

Newsletter 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can look back once again on another superb week for our school and community with two fantastic occasions last Wednesday and Friday. First of all was the magnificent efforts and boundless skills and talents of our Y3 and Y4 children encapsulated in their endearing performance of Puss n' Boots that played to appreciative audiences of pupils on Tuesday and to two big turnouts of parents, carers and family members, twice on the Wednesday, to great acclaim.

I was really proud and delighted with the children who plainly gained so much enjoyment and more from putting together their show. Confidence, self - assurance and a "can do" attitude are by products of school performances such as these and the children can be very proud of their achievements. Thanks also to staff who really do make a big effort to cover everything they need to do along with everything we would like to do to make learning fun and enjoyable. It was a real treat and kick started our Christmas programme as we move forward to the season of Advent and this special season of preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Hot on the heels of this triumph came SAPA's Christmas Fair on the Friday afternoon and it proved to be another tremendous occasion, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the SAPA team led by Mrs K Baines. The team did a terrific job in the week's preceding the big day and on the day itself when a wider set of volunteers arrived to help make sure that the day went so well. Amazingly and thanks to the generosity of so many across our school community, the event raised £1,243.92 - what a great total! I did try to thank as many people as I could on the day but there were so many. So to everyone involved a big thank you via this newsletter as your efforts for the children are really appreciated. Thanks to our cook for her cake baking along with so many others - what a big success that stall was! Also to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle - 35 altogether which is a lot even by our epic standards. Importantly, it was a really well run and fun event that everyone across the school community has enjoyed.

A brief note also to tell you that our roof appeal has reached a new grand total of £2484.70 - a wonderful amount and as noted before, will put a significant dint in that sizable bill.

Looking ahead a brief reminder that the Christmas season is almost upon us and the special dates people will want to note are listed again below:

- Thursday December 14th: School Christmas Lunch - every child welcome so consider giving packed lunch a miss for the day and book a lunch in good time (£2.10)
- Tuesday December 19th at 09.30 - Christmas Mass in school - mince pies and refreshments afterwards in the dining hall - all welcome
- Tuesday December 19th at 2pm - Christmas Nativity Performance - Tickets from KS1 classes (2 per child)
- Wednesday to Friday 20th - 22nd: Class Christmas Parties (afternoons): KS1 Wednesday 20th; Y3/Y4 Thursday 21st. KS2 Friday 22nd
- School breaks up for Christmas at 3.30pm on Friday December 22nd.

I look forward to seeing you across this Advent Season.

Best Wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

K J Smithson.

Head Teacher.