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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, congratulations to our Star Pupils



Rabbits	Lilly for having an amazing week and doing super reading
Hedgehogs	Jayden for always having a smile on his face and working hard in lessons
Owls	Sophia G for always working hard and trying her best
Foxes	Freddie W for working hard and having good concentration

Christmas is in full swing at School and we have lots more events planned.

**Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came to our wonderful Christmas Fair at the village hall last Friday. It was the first time we have held it in the village hall, and it was a great success. Not including the raffle, we made a fantastic £372.88. **A big thankyou to the PTA for their wonderful organisation and hard work.** The PTA would welcome any feedback to build on its success for next year. (New PTA members always welcome).

**Nativity Play**

Rabbits and Hedgehogs Class will be performing their delightful Nativity Play. We have three performances.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - (This is a rehearsal performance, but we invite the elderly from the village and if there are any grandparents that would like to attend this show they are very welcome.)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 6.00 pm to 6.45pm - Please can pupils performing arrive at 5.30pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 1.30pm

Tickets are available to purchase on Parentpay and cost £2.00 each. Due to health and safety regulations, we must limit numbers in the hall. Therefore, families can book two tickets per performance. All proceeds will go to the PTA, and this will fund the Christmas parties.

Year 5/6 will be visiting Furness Academy to watch their Christmas performance 'Adams Family'. They will travel by minibus and be back for lunch.

**Christmas Raffle**

We have been busy collecting raffle prizes from many kind local businesses. We currently have 40 amazing prizes including vouchers for the Milk Hut, Beatrix Potter Museum, The Farmers at Baycliff, Dalton Leisure Centre, Roxy Cinema, FlowerBowl Curling, Francescas, Motor Museum, Sanctuaire, Hays Garden Centre and Nichas Thai Takeaway. There are also lots of gifts sets and toys and a signed Barrow AFC Shirt. If you would like to purchase tickets, they are £1.00 a ticket (£5.00 a strip) Please send cash into school in a named envelope. We will be drawing the raffle on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December! Good luck!

## **Christmas Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk Forum 28 - 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Please can all outstanding payments be paid by the 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Those children who are not attending will be expected to remain in school. We have purchased the tickets but if anybody would still like to attend please contact the office and we will enquire on your behalf. We will be travelling by coach and hope to be back at school for 3.30pm

### **Christmas Parties**

The children will be having their Christmas parties in school on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school in their party clothes.

### **Zoo Visit**

We will be taking Rabbits Class to visit the Zoo on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will be leaving school at 10.30am and will return for 3pm. We ask if children can be dressed in old warm clothes and they will need to bring wellies if they do not have any in school. They will also need to wear a warm coat, hats and gloves. Please can they bring a packed lunch. We will be travelling by minibus. There will be no charge for this visit. Please let the class teacher know if your child WILL NOT be attending.

### **Swimming KS2**

Owls Class and some of Foxes Class (Those that cannot swim the requirement of 25 metres) will start swimming sessions after Christmas for 10 weeks. Sessions will start on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Sessions cost per £4.00 session (£40.00 in total) and can be paid via Parentpay.

### **NSPCC visit**

NSPCC will be in school on Tuesday morning working with the children from Owls and Foxes classes. They will be holding a workshop about Speaking Out. A letter has been sent home.

### **PTA - School Lottery**

If you would like to join our School Lottery, please sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>. It's very easy to sign up.

### **Reception Places**

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for Reception Places is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. All parents of children currently in our Nursery will need to apply online at <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>. If you know of anybody who would like a place in our school, please ask them to contact the school office.

If you have any siblings that would like a place this year or next, please get in touch as soon as possible so we can get them on the list and arrange home visits and play dates.

Finally, could I please remind parents to send children in with a drinks bottle every day.

Regards, Mrs Fell

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**(Some may change)**

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	6.00 - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	1.30 - 2.30 pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Foxes Class visit to Furness Academy Panto	AM
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Jack and the Beanstalk - Christmas Panto - Forum	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Rabbits visit to the Zoo	Letter to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Break up for Christmas 1.30pm</b>	<b>No After School Club this day</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school	