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Christmas Productions and Charity

There are several reasons why the school chooses to put on three different Christmas productions. These include tradition, fun, communicating the true message of Christmas, to give you a memorable Christmas present, the development of a team ethic as the whole school pulls together and most importantly to raise money through our efforts for a local charity.

Over the last few years we have raised money for a local children's hospice, a childhood cardiac research institute, riding for the disabled and the Botley Playing Field Association. This year we have decided to support the work of the Arctic One Foundation.

Arctic One aims to give opportunities to disabled people to enable them to get involved in sport. In addition to this they are exploring the benefits of sport on cancer-related diseases. In 2015, Arctic One launched their Forward Motion Grant System which enabled them to give grants to over 30 different people to enable them to pursue their sport including funding prosthetics and other equipment.

I hope that you will continue to support us in our combined efforts to raise money for such worthwhile causes and that this tradition will continue into the future.

You will be able to donate at the end of each of the shows.

Christmas production timings;

RECEPTION and YEARS 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 14th December and Thursday 15th December, 9.30am

Years R and 1 – 'A Midwife Crisis'. A Nativity play

Years 2 and 3 - 'Lights, Camel, Action!' A Christmas story.

Before the performance starts, at approximately 9.30am, Friends of Ley Hill School will be serving tea and coffee in the dining hall from 8:40am.

YEARS 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 14th December and Thursday 15th December, 6.30pm (finishing at around 8.30pm)

'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan.' A pantomime.

Before the pantomime starts, at 6.30pm, we would like to invite parents to join us at 6.00pm for a glass of wine and some nibbles in the dining room.

Please note that for the pantomime evening performances, the children need to arrive at school between 6.00 and 6.15pm.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thanks you to all those of you who turned out to drink tea or coffee and eat cakes with us all in the name of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning supporting Macmillan on Friday 30th September. A healthy crowd of mums, dads, toddlers and grandparents spent a pleasant hour and a half enjoying each other's company in the process. As a result a handsome sum of £252.94 has been sent off to the very worthy cancer charity. A hearty thank you to Daniela Bollato-Collins and daughters Sophia and Serena for managing the event so efficiently.

Parents' Evenings

Our regular parents' evenings this week were very well attended as usual. I would like to thank all the teachers who tried extremely hard to remain on schedule. It is quite a feat to relay the maximum amount information across about the progress of your children in just 10 minutes.

Thank you also to all the parents who had such positive things to say about our provision; your comments mean an awful lot to the team.

Friends of Ley Hill School Winter Fair

Don't forget it's the **Friends of Ley Hill School Winter Fair** on **Sunday 27th November!** As ever the team have been working extremely hard over the last month to organise a superb festive fundraising extravaganza. The event will run from 12pm until 3pm. I look forward to seeing you all there during the afternoon.

The Friends of Ley Hill School is an amazing organisation. You don't have to go far in the school to see the fruits of their labour and the fundraising they carry out really does add huge value to the school's provision for the children.

NFER Parent Survey

Today is the deadline for the return of the Parent Attitude Survey. We will be posting the forms back to organisation on Tuesday so there is still time to return your opinions. NFER will analysis the results and send us a report within two weeks. I look forward to sharing this analysis with you in the near future.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair begins on **Monday 14th November.** Please take the opportunity to choose from the fantastic selection of reading material on offer. Remember that for every £10 taken we receive £6 back from Scholastic to buy books for the school, I will report in a future newsletter the amount we received. Many thanks to all the parents who have offered their help to set up and run the book fair from 2.45pm each day before the staff take over at 3.15pm.

Class photos

On Monday the children had their individual and sibling photographs taken. We have booked the same company to come in to take class photos in April. We will send more information once the company have confirmed the date.

Yours sincerely



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