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Friday 24th November

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Congratulations A huge congratulations to Mrs Allen and her husband who are expecting their second child at the end of the Spring term! We are all very excited for Mrs Allen and her family, and I am sure you will want to wish her all the best. We will share a staffing plan with the affected classes in the new year.

Book Fair Our Christmas Book Fair is open next week for just three days (Mon, Tues & Wed) from 8.30am-9.30am and 2.45pm-3.30pm. Open times are to allow adults the chance to buy some presents without the children being present but also for a quick look around for children and parents together. The children will get a chance to browse with their teachers in school time, but won't be able to purchase books themselves on this occasion, so some recommendations may come your way. Entrance for adults is through the back door to school on the playground, near Winnington Winners, and the fair is located in the office area.

Key Stage 2 Caroling Event Families and children from all year groups are warmly invited to attend the Key Stage 2 carol evening on Thursday 7th December at school. The school gates will be open from 5.30pm and refreshments such as mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies will be available to buy from the PTA. The ks2 children will start singing at 6.00pm. Wrap up warm as we will be outside. We look forward to seeing you there for some festive cheer.

Parents' Evening Parents' Evening meetings were held this week and have been very well attended. If you have not been able to attend an appointment, please get in touch with the school office and we shall organise mutually a convenient time for you to speak with your child's class teacher.

Children In Need – Thank you Thank you for all your generous donations last week. The children looked fabulous in their spotty outfits and we were able to raise over £250 for Children in Need.

PTA Christmas Fair The PTA Christmas Fair is next Friday, 1st December after school. To make purchases and to take part in the stalls at the Christmas Fair, tokens will be available to buy on the way in to collect your children, as well as during the Fair itself. To support the Fair, please remember to return your Christmas Gift Bags, raffle prizes and tombola donations to school. [Christmas Fair Letter](#)

Sporting Events There have been some sporting competitions recently. Unfortunately, the cross-country event was cancelled. Four of our children have contributed to the newsletter with their thoughts.

Y3/4 Girls Football Event: *We didn't win any of our games but we had a really fun time. We remembered that sport isn't always about winning and we enjoyed taking part. We all want to practice more so if we play again we might win a match!* Abi and Courtney

KS2 Boccia and New Age Curling: *We had a great time and won most of our matches. We really enjoyed ourselves although we didn't get a trophy! We had lots of fun with children from the other schools that were there. The teachers had biscuits but we didn't! We would really like to go and do it again.* Corinna and Eloise

Parent Consultation: Values, Vision and Culture We are currently undertaking work to update the school community's values, vision and culture. Staff, governors and children have already started work on identifying the core principles that should guide our organisation. It is hugely important as part of this exercise that parents and carers have the opportunity to express what is important to them as well.

We are holding two meetings at school to provide this opportunity on Wednesday 29th November 6.00pm - 7.00pm and Friday 1st December 9.00am - 10.00am. Please email the school office (office@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk) or call school (01606 74371) to let us know if you are able to attend one of the meetings. [School Values Letter](#)

Lost Property We shall be putting lost property outside again at the end of the day as we near the end of term. Please always label your children's clothes - they often find it hard to recognise what is theirs when it is lost. If your child accidentally brings home another child's clothes, please return them to school.

School Facebook We do our best to keep our Facebook account up to date with pictures and news about lessons and events that are happening in school – we hope you enjoy seeing what the children are getting up to. It is lovely when families respond with ‘likes’ and positive comments. We do advise that when making comments, children’s names are not used. It is sometimes possible, by using the adults’ username and child’s first name, to work out the full name of a child and to link this to their picture and of course their school. We want to make sure we are doing everything to keep the children safe. Some school’s advise parents to use just the first initial of their child’s name, which we think is a good idea.

The Big Ambition The Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children’s Commissioner wants to take children’s thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people’s voices on what they think needs to be done to make children’s lives better in England. The survey will be open until Friday 15th December and adults can complete on behalf of younger children. [The Big Ambition Survey](#)

Christmas Dates for your Diaries A reminder and overview of school events in the run up to the end of term.

• Christmas Book Fair Opens	Friday 24 th November 8.30am-9.30am Monday 27 th to Wednesday 29 th November 8.30am-9.30am and 2.45pm-3.30pm
• Lanterns Parade Y4	Saturday 25 th November 4.00pm
• Y5/6 Mini Basketball Competition	Monday 27 th November
• Guitarist performance Assembly	Wednesday 29 th November 2.30pm
• Parentalk Session 4	Wednesday 29 th November 5.30pm – 7.30pm
• Parent Consultation School Vision	Wednesday 29 th November 6.00pm – 7.00pm
• Parent Consultation School Vision	Friday 1 st December 9.00am - 10.00am
• PTA Christmas Fair	Friday 1 st December 3.30pm
• Nursery Hartford Methodist visit	Tuesday 5 th December 9.15am – 11.30am
• Key Stage 1 Christmas Show	Tuesday 5 th December at 2:00pm and Wednesday 6 th December at 2.00pm
• Reception Nativity	Wednesday 6 th December at 10.15am and Thursday 7 th December at 10.15am
• Key Stage 2 Carol Concert	Thursday 7 th December at 6:00pm Bad weather contingency date is Tuesday 14 th December 2.00pm
• World Museum visit Y3	Friday 8 th December
• Nursery Christmas Stay, Play, Sing	Monday 11 th December at 11:15am and 2:15pm
• KS2 Sportshall Athletics Event	Monday 11 th December
• School Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 12 th December
• Whole School Pantomime visit	Wednesday 13 th December
• Party Lunch and Class Parties	Thursday 14 th December
• PTA School Uniform Sale	Thursday 14 th December
• School closes for Christmas	Friday 15 th December 3.15pm
• School reopens to the children	Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Yours sincerely,
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