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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very close to the end of term, and we have enjoyed parties for nursery and all classes after lots of hardwork in preparing and presenting nativities and school shows. Everyone was amazing and I know lots of families enjoyed themselves last Thursday for the School Show as well as Tuesday morning for the nursery presentation. Lots of raffle winners enjoyed wonderful prizes and all your donations were gratefully received.

During the parties, a treat of juice, crisps a Christmas biscuit and a special treat were provided with costs covered by the Parent Council. School funds were also used to ensure all children in P1-P3 received a present of a book from Santa. The grotto was a lovely setting for sharing all the Christmas presents.

Winners of Staff Who's Who: during our most recent Drop-in for school we displayed pictures of school staff in their early primary school years. Lots of you had fun trying to figure out who was in the pictures. The Ross family had the most accurate entry with 11/14 correct answers...a great feat indeed. The Hyslop family also won a prize from everyone who entered, but they also had a very strong result in their guesses. We look forward to seeing you all at the next Drop-in on Wednesday, 25th January from 3:10 to 4:10 pm.

FUNDRAISING: As families, you have supported us all amazingly through the first two terms. This has allowed us to take forward a wide variety of activities and enjoy some special events with the children. We will keep you up to date further on any other expenditure discussed with staff and pupils.

ITEM	Amount Raised	Current Spend
School Devolved Management from Authority This is the total running budget for the school for the entire session. Costs we manage are the photocopying leases as well as printer ink and paper costs; cover for supply staff; costs of sending text messages; purchase of jotters/pencils and other required materials for classrooms; purchase of various site licenses to be able to function effectively; all janitorial supplies such as toilet paper and paper towels for toilets and classroom sinks as well as repairs for various items within school as required. You can see how your fund raising support is so important to us as the money in this fund is already spent for future purchases such as toilet rolls etc – but due to storage, we can only buy the items in lots.	£11,580	These funds are all reported to and through the authority as specific companies are required to be used for purchasing.
Harvest Festival Donations of went directly back to our Eco Fund to purchase items to allow us to grow more produce next summer.	£96.14	Purchases in Spring 2023
The Santa Grotto raised £301.05 and the funds will initially help buy food for our two hens through the rest of the session as well as purchase mor heavy duty sheeting to be able to make the hen house more rain/wind proof for the winter season. Other items required to support our feathered friends will also be taken from these funds and any excess funds will go to purchase more seeds etc to plant in the area where the hens wander. Any other funds are going towards specific craft items you will see listed below as this is something we use a great deal of across the school to promote creativity with the children and also use as part of their enterprise initiatives in term 3 and term 4.	£301.05	Costs for set up, ice cream, cones and sauces as well as prizes were donated by Mrs Cooke and Mrs Little as well as their timing in creating our amazing winter wonderland.
The Autumn Ramble raised. The various school committees will be discussing ways to spend some of the funds including for items on the	£2070.50	Clothing £60 Site licenses £700

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<p>playground. Clothing (tights, underwear, socks) for toileting accidents has also been replenished. We have also created a list to replace consumable items such as sand for the infant play areas, baking items, a vast amount of craft items such as pipe cleaners and glitter. These will all be shared as completed. A major item will be a new cooker to allow us to more effectively get involved in baking/cooking activities with the children. Our current cooker is not as reliable as we would wish. The process of getting a cooker will need to go through the authority purchasing processes involving several quotes. We will also require an electrician to install the item. We know at a minimum the cooker will cost in the region of £450 but we do anticipate added costs with this and we hope the whole set of work can be completed for less than £1000.</p> <p>We are also trialling the Purple Mash online site and there are many support mechanisms within it that will enhance teaching and learning tasks within school. What we are also excited about are the home links for this site. Costs will be around £900 for a school of our size and our final consultation is in January to agree the license. If we accept the terms, access codes and links will be shared with all families for you to use.</p>		Buses for Library visit: £31.20
<p>Christmas Show Tickets and Raffles have been very successful and we cannot thank our families enough for their generosity. An amazing was raised. We have already covered various costs from these funds. Movie Night costs involved buying popcorn, hot chocolate, cups, bowls, milk. A big thanks to Ms Jenkins who donated Skooshy Cream and Marshmallows. Christmas show costumes, site license and CDs of music were also refunded through these funds. As above the funds will be linked to support the purchase of the cooker and site licenses as well as supplementing playground equipment and craft supplies.</p>	£2643.31	<p>Books for Christmas parties: £112</p> <p>Movie Night: £114</p> <p>Christmas Show items: £180</p> <p>Raffle:</p> <p>Show Night Snacks: £40</p> <p>Raffle tickets and items: £117</p>

Watch out in March for an Afternoon Spring Tea where we can enjoy the hospitality of your company. We very much enjoyed our Harvest Tea in September and the children did a fabulous job.

Other Information:

When we return, we look forward to getting to know the new nursery children who are joining us, they are having some transition visits prior to the break. We want to remind any families who have a child in the nursery due to start Primary 1 in August 2023 that registration forms have been shared – if you have not received these let us know ASAP. A letter explaining the process of registration was sent earlier this week. If you have a child due to start nursery anytime in 2023/2024, you will also be registering later in January.

School closes for the holiday at 3:00 pm on Friday 23rd December. Staff will return on Monday 9th January for an inset day. At this time, there is an anticipated industrial action which will mean a school closure on Tuesday 10th January. The nursery will be open. School children will then return Wednesday 11th January. A letter was also sent today specifically about industrial action. Please watch for any news that may mean a change to this arrangement. You will be informed through our messaging system if there is a change to plans.

Have an enjoyable and safe break.

In regards,

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