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Christmas Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

FOBL

A huge thank you to all those who gave up their time (both staff and parents) in whatever capacity to help with our Christmas Fayre. Whilst the final figure has not been finalised yet, we are looking at approximately £2300 which is a huge contribution at a time when our budget, like many schools, is so tight.

Thank you to those pupils who entered the Santa Dash – it was great to see so many children participating and really trying their hardest to complete the mile distance. Their medals were well deserved!

Sports Round Up

Congratulations to our Y5 indoor cricket team who made it to the final and in a tense affair managed to win the final by one run!!

Choir

A big thank you to the choir for all their hard work this Christmas. Since the last newsletter, the choir children from Year 3 have sung at a care home and the full choir sang at the Chocolate Orange appeal at the Town Hall which you may have seen on BBC Northwest Tonight. Mrs Greaves has worked really hard with the children and this is very much appreciated.

Church

We are delighted to have such good relations with Rainford CE church and this year was no different with the vicar visiting our school to deliver an Advent assembly, and also supporting the children at the KS1/EYFS Nativity. We also had a lovely Crib Service at the church – a chance for our children to visit church at this time of year and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.

Born in a Barn

Our Rec, Y1 and Y2 children treated us to a fantastic nativity performance called Born in a Barn. The children were so enthusiastic with their singing, dancing and acting and certainly made the staff who had worked so hard in putting it together very proud.

Treat day at the Panto

What a treat those children had visiting the Panto with their friends. All the children who attended had worked hard to ensure that their behaviour for learning was suitable throughout the half term and were therefore very deserving of this treat. Thank you so much to the financial contributions made by parents and FOBL as without this, these treats would not be possible.

Performance Tables

You may have seen our school mentioned in the St Helens Star as being the 3rd best school in St Helens for progress from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 which reflects some of the data I informed you about in the previous newsletter. We are also joint top in St Helens for the percentage of children that reached the greater depth standard and this was highlighted in the Liverpool Echo where this put us in the top ten of primary schools in Merseyside for this particular measure. Another notable statistic was that we had the highest progress from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 in reading in St Helens.

Whilst this kind of data can change year on year and doesn't always show the other wonderful things that go on in school, it is fantastic to be recognised when children, parents and staff work so hard together to ensure that the children reach their full potential.

Our data is available via the link <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk> but is quite complicated to navigate to comparative data so a further link can be found on the school website on the Sats page with the actual St Helens tables on there.

Happy Christmas

This has been a fantastic year for Brook Lodge in so many ways and I'd like on behalf of all of the staff and governors wish you a merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We will see you all again when school re-opens on **Monday 7 January**.

Warmest regards

Mr Reece
Headteacher

