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Dear Parents / Carers,

We did it! We have clawed our way to the end of term! We cannot wait for 3.30pm on Friday when we finally get some time with our family, friends and loved ones, after working so hard this last term. This newsletter is to round up the Autumn term and tell you an exciting plan we already have for next year...

But for now, back to this year...

Fundraising

As a school, we have gone above and beyond to offer fundraising opportunities throughout the last term, to be able to afford so many wonderful activities. We pride ourselves on being open and honest and therefore I have created a table below to show you what we have made and what we have spent!

Charity events are separate - Children in Need £250.66 and Christmas Jumper Day raised £61.20.

<u>Incoming</u>	
Event	Raised
Bingo Night	£95
Cakes and biscuit sales	£170
Movie night	£240
Christmas Fayre	£245.10
Christmas productions / movie night	£60
Ex-Governor Contribution	£250
Councillor Lucas Contribution	£200
Mrs Hunter Hutchinson	£680
Total	£1940.10

<u>Outgoing</u>	
Event	Cost
Pantomime for EYFS	£550
Pantomime for whole school	£2200
Selection boxes for every child	£235
Total	£2985

A huge well done to all staff for giving so much time to enable us to fundraise so much, which means we can offer children the experiences we do.

Christmas at Red Hall

All children received a selection box and all children were given the opportunity to attend pantomimes. In addition to this, the choir sang at a range of different events, we managed to support 7 residents with a visit to the school for Christmas dinner and our nativities / Christmas productions for all year groups went ahead! We were desperate to give parents the opportunity to see their children in Christmas performances, and thankfully we managed. Thank you to all parents who supported us with this, through buying tickets and attending the event.

EYFS children had a great time at the Hullabaloo Theatre, watching their performance and they had a Polar Express Day on Thursday 16th December, where all children looked exceptionally cute, in their pjs!

The rest of the school had a fantastic time at the Pantomime. It was a perfect opportunity to sit back and watch the children, something I have not managed to do in the last few weeks, due to the Christmas rush. I watched as your children giggled with each other, smiled, laughed, jumped up and down in their seats and danced to all the Christmas songs in the intervals. Seeing the smiles on everyone's faces made me feel very emotional - I'm blaming the tiredness of Christmas... 😊

Staff and pupil wellbeing

Children complete mindfulness activities and colouring, every day, in particular on a Wednesday, when we have our 'well-being Wednesday'. On this day, children have PE lessons and sometimes complete baking activities. This will continue into the next term. A PE day will continue to be held, every Wednesday.

Staff's well-being is just as important to us as well. Staff are given a free school dinner on a Tuesday, as a 'well-being' thank you. In addition, you may have noticed some members of staff arriving at school later, or leaving earlier. Since September, we have given all staff opportunities for late starts and early finishes, for them to be able to take their own children to school or pick them up. This will continue in the future. 😊

Christmas Present Ideas...

Please remember, all children need a pair of wellies to play on the field and in the woodland. A thick, waterproof coat, would also be ideal - definitely not anything too expensive!

Moving into 2022

- Sadly, we have had a number of parents / carers who have spoken to members of staff inappropriately, in particular to the admin team. This will not be tolerated. Everyone has feelings and no one should have to be spoken to in this way.
- Late arrivals will continue to be monitored - please aim for 8.45am arrival, then your child will never be late.
- Attendance will continue to be a focus. We are desperate to be 95%+ ASAP!
- Online safety - Please, please monitor your children online, we have had an increase in incidents where children are talking about horror films. This is a worry for us and we do not want them playing games / telling stories to other children based on what they have seen. We are asking for your support with this.

Plans for 2022

Special Performance

We have been searching for ways of enhancing what we can do for your children in 2022, to make school even better! Last month we managed to secure tickets to see...

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST @ Sunderland Empire

For all children from Year 2 - Year 6 (We believe it will be too much for our youngest children to sit on the bus and then sit through the performance).

The cost of this trip is £30 each for the ticket and £9 each for the bus. HOWEVER, school is PAYING FOR ALL CHILDREN!!!! 😊😊 How amazing! What a way to start 2022! 😊

Residential Opportunity

There will be a residential for the Year 3 and 4 children in the Summer Term. The cost of this is £230 each, however school is subsidising this, therefore the cost to parents is £100 per child. More information will be given next half term, however we were wanting to let you know sooner due to the cost.

All children have had an amazing time on previous residentials, we are usually oversubscribed for this trip

And finally

As ever, thank you so much for your support. This is the best job and one of the most tiring jobs all rolled into one! We all appreciate your kind words, when you take the opportunity to come and speak to us, the praise we receive, the time you take to write us Christmas cards with your children etc. Please, never underestimate the impact of such a small gesture. 😊

Let's hope 2022 is the year we make the papers for all the things we do well - staying late at school, fundraising opportunities, theatre trips (free of charge), residential trip and school trips (heavily subsidised by 60%+), employing a school counsellor (who is hugely oversubscribed and who we wish we could employ for more hours), everything we did in lockdown... Just a few to mention...

Please take time this Christmas to relax and make some Christmas memories. Please remember your children will not remember the majority of presents they got, when they are older, but they will remember the memories you made... (This is certainly what I am believing in, considering I have not yet done any Christmas shopping and I still haven't put any Christmas decorations up at home!!)

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you can be
anything.....

Merry Christmas to you all xx

Red Hall Staff xx

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