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### DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 2.1.2023

Monday 2nd January SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3rd January SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January CHILDREN RETURN
Thursday 5th January Prospective Reception Parent Tour (9:30am)

Please remember to subscribe to <u>our online calendar</u> so that you receive automatic updates into your own calendar.

### **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

Dear families,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our community for your support over the Autumn term. I would like to say a very special thank you to our children who are incredible and make our work in school so enjoyable. They have worked really hard this term, made great progress and haven't even complained (well ... maybe just a little) about not being able to go outside this week! I would also like to say a huge thank you to our staff team who work so hard to provided our children with a great education.

They are definitely ready for a holiday.

It was so lovely to see so many parents and family members attend our Christmas concerts. The children were all so excited performing in front of an audience and were all amazing. This year, when they sang about 'snow falling' and 'snowmen', they knew exactly what they were singing about!

A special Christmas thank you to our fantastic Friends of The Winns for organising a really successful Winter Fair. Organising an event like this is really...







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...hard work and relies solely on volunteers who give up their time. So many people helped in so many different ways. From the volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all happen, to those who helped to set up and pack away after a long day, to the staff who gave up their Saturday to help and to everyone who donated and came along to support us on the day – thank you so much.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and are able to enjoy some quality family time. Times are hard for lots of our families at the moment. Expectations to buy expensive gifts for our children when the cost of living is so high can cause some families to worry even more. It is important to remind ourselves that the best gifts we can give our children is the gift of Time. Children will forget the expensive gifts they received – however, what they won't forget is the time you spend together as a family, playing games, going out for winter walks or making hot chocolate and watching a family movie together. Have a great Christmas everyone!

Warmest wishes,

Fiona

### INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP

We have recently set up an Inclusion and Diversity Working Group, made up of staff and parents to help improve our approach to celebrating and embracing the varied differences within our school community. We know that diversity, inclusion and belonging matter for all of us, but we also recognise there is always room for improvement, however small.



At our first meeting we listened to some of the experiences that parents had encountered, their reasons for coming along to the group, and their whole-hearted determination to play a part in developing a strong ethos and approach to diversity and inclusion at The Winns. We are extremely fortunate to have such an experienced, supportive group who can help us on our journey. At future meetings we will look at ways in which we can continue to weave in aspects of our diverse cultural, ethnic and religious heritages, as well as looking for opportunities to embrace neurodiversity, gender equality and identity.

A REMINDER TO ALL CHILDREN: DON'T FORGET TO READ OVER THE HOLIDAYS!



The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

- Dr. Seuss







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#### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The wintry conditions made for the perfect backdrop for our final Christmas concerts this week. Years 2 - 6 and Nursery all performed for their families on the stage in Green Hall. Well done the children for learning so many songs and poems, and a big thank you to all of you who came along to support them.





















### **NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF THE WINNS (FOTW)**

The FoTW would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all the parents, school staff and families who gave their time and talent to make this year's winter fair amazing. We



have received positive feedback after the event and have been blown away by your support, and we also want to say THANK YOU to the school community to came and enjoyed themselves on the day, seeing everyone happy makes the hard work worth it!

Our festive fundraisings raised £5,400 from the winter fair, raffle, Stow boards and Christmas cards. This money will go towards the schools planned projects (Library, kitchen, and large playground projects) with 10% going to schools the hardship fund.

Our volunteer base grew a little this year, but we always need more. Whether you can give a little time or lot, you make the difference. Email <a href="mailto:fotwchair@gmail.com">fotwchair@gmail.com</a> if you think you can help.















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