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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it is nearly Christmas?! This has certainly been a wonderful term, with so many highlights! It has been an absolute joy and pleasure to see every class perform in our various Christmas events over the past few weeks. We have had some lovely feedback from these events, often about the quality of the singing, the acting and the way the children were so happy and how everyone was included. For me, and I know for many of you, the sense of pride and joy that came from these events has really been the 'kick-start' that our 'Christmas spirit' needed.

Nursery and Reception performed their 'Wriggly Nativity' with such polish and gusto- the way they rose to the occasion and showed such confidence made it so magical. Year 1 and 2 pulled off a wonderful retelling of the Nativity story with incredible performances throughout...they were all superb! It was extra special to see how much they have matured in their confidence and skill from last year- well done!

Year 3s and 4s Christmas concert in the lovely Methodist Church in St. Aubin was really special. The sound of them singing and performing was exceptional, and they were clearly enjoying what they were doing- showing such confidence throughout. Their oracy skills were really strong, with vibrant poetry recitals...and the undisputed highlight this year was the Year 4 Rap to 'Mary's Boy Child'...which was one of those performances that will be remembered for many years to come!

Year 5s and 6s Christmas concert was also a true spectacular! Their voices filled the Church, like some kind of hand-picked international choir! The performances of Christmas Wish and 'Diamonds' were truly spectacular, with the sheer quality of their voices, and the complexity of the multiple parts. Like at the end of Year 3 and 4s show, yet another well-deserved standing ovation. We have just added a vocal recording of these two songs onto the Facebook page...so even if you were not there, you can appreciate the quality...I am going to admit, on listening again to these, I shed a tear or pride.

Our choir have also had some unbelievable feedback from their various events- at the Variety Club lunch and on their 'Sparkle and Shine' tour. Well done to all- you have impacted so positively on our local community...one person told Mrs Baker that 'Christmas doesn't start for me until I've heard the La Moye School choir perform'- and I can totally see why.

As I mentioned at the end of each performance, a lot of hard work on the part of the children and staff goes into these performances, and I would like to thank all of the staff involved again- we have such a dedicated and hard-working team of staff who constantly go 'over and above' to give the children the best possible opportunities- and not just at Christmas, day in, day out. In addition, without the hard work of Mrs Cameron and Mrs Boyle in the office, and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Cramsie, our caretakers, these events would not be possible.

The retiring collection from these two events raised a whopping £284.55 which has been passed on the Red Cross, the children's chosen charity. Thank you.

PTA Christmas Fair

Huge well done to the PTA team and the extra helpers, staff and parents, that made the Christmas Fair so successful. This event raised an incredible £5218 (which must be a record!) for the PTA. Thank you to all

of the parents and friends of the school that came along to support this event...and a special 'thank you' to Father Christmas for sparing time to join us too.

Children in Need

We now have the final amount raised for the BBC Children in Need appeal...and it is a record! We raised a whopping £1177.05! Thanks to everyone- and in particular the children that ran the stalls, and of course Mr. Steigenberger for organising the whole event.

Hot Food Service

As you may have heard, we had a really successful first hot lunch...Christmas dinner no less! Over 80% of the children took part in this taster session, and the whole staff team once again 'mucked in' to ensure that this ran smoothly. Instructions have been sent out already by the school office on how to sign up for hot meals in the new term when they will be served every day. The menu looks really appetising!

After School Provision

Just a reminder that we will be starting our daily after school club from January, run by Sports Bugs. This was in response to parental requests through the annual survey. There is still space on some days for this, so if you have not signed your child up yet and are intending to do so, please visit their website for more details: [LA MOYE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - Sports Bug | Child Care Jersey](#)

We are still very much involved with our current providers too- Mini-Mes and Pathways.

School Uniform:

We have mentioned this before, but we are noticing some persistence of this issue, and so will be following this up more rigorously in the new term. The school jumpers/cardigans are the existing ones with the stripe and logo, the new PE sweatshirt is just that...it is for PE, not for part of the main uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

Staffing Update

Mrs Aked will be taking a short career break in the new year. We will still see her in school as she will be in from time to time, but she will not be in every day.

As you know, we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Bolton. We would like to take the opportunity to thank him for his support with our PE in school and also in running the after-school football and other clubs this term. Mr. Jack Scurr will be starting in this role from January and we know he is really eager to get started. We will also welcome Mrs Mason from January to our EYFS team, replacing Mrs Thomas who will soon be starting her parental leave.

Year 5/6 Make Do and Mend

As part of our celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of Jersey, we will be putting on an Occupation themed musical called Make Do and Mend. This is a really exciting opportunity for our children, because we will be performing at the Arts Centre- so on a real stage and with proper lighting etc. More information will follow...but Year 5/6 are getting poised for auditions in January! Hopefully they will also be busy designing the advertising poster over the holidays.

And finally:

The new term starts on Monday 6th January. We hope that you all have a lovely break, an enjoyable Christmas and wish you very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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