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Dear Parents/Carer

December is always a massively busy month here at Isaac Newton Primary School. Whilst the school began to look Christmassy last week, it is this week that we really entered into the Christmas Spirit.

The Foundation Stage excelled in this year's nativity performance. The progress that each child has made since joining the school is incredible and the way in which the children projected their voices and remembered their roles was amazing. Well done to each of the children.

The Juniors (Years 3-6) created a wonderful Christmas show which was seen by Parents/Carers twice this week. The range and quality of the performances from each class was brilliant and I am sure that each audience enjoyed them just as much as I did.

The school fair went brilliantly yesterday evening and was hugely enhanced by the number of donations made. Many thanks to the Lionesses who came to help us to decorate cakes and biscuits during the day. The winners so far are:

Weight of the cake	Romany
Sweets in the jar	Priya
Cupcake winners	Alfie (Y6), Jared (Y2), Aleksandra (Y1), Emily (YrR) and Amelia (Y1)

The raffle will be drawn next week and we will contact the winner. So far we have raised £350!

Thank you to everyone who contributed and a special thanks to Mrs Toole who organised the whole event. We will let you know how much we raised once we have counted it!

We will continue with festivities next week as the Infants (Years 1 and 2) have their performances and we have our Christmas Parties. Tuesday is a non-uniform day and having asked for donations for the Christmas Fair we are not asking for a contribution to take part.

Finally, this is the last newsletter prior to the Christmas break. I would like to thank all of the staff here at school for their continued hard work. The children are extremely fortunate to have such wonderful professionals working with them each and every day. I hope that you all have an excellent Christmas and a great New Year.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

The Final Christmas Dates:

Monday 18th December – morning and afternoon

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show **9:30am & 2:00pm**

Tuesday 19th December - Dress for Christmas day

We have chosen this to be our 'Dress for Christmas' day, children are quite welcome to dress up in their school uniforms, or alternatively to wear a Christmas jumper for the day. **AS WE HAVE ALREADY ASKED FOR A DONATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR WE ARE NO LONGER ASKING FOR A DONATION FOR THIS EVENT**

Timings

Please remember that the school day begins at 8:50am and has the following home times:

FS	3:20 pm
Years 1 and 2	3:25 pm
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	3:30 pm

Holiday Dates

The last day of term this year will be 20th December so the first day of the holiday is 21st December.

Children will return to school on 4th January. We hope that you all have a great Christmas and New Year!

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are due to start Reception in September 2018.

Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opened on 13th November. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 17 to August 18) then you need to apply for a place soon! If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then just make an appointment at the school office.

Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and cold spells forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. **We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open.** Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and **most importantly the school website.**