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Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported our Christmas Fair this week. It was great to see so many parents buying gifts, including those the children had made themselves! In total, we raised £315 for the Friends of West End group. They intend to use this money to buy new equipment for playtime.

Year 3 Music

This term, we have continued to offer the children in Year 3 the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. During their music lessons, the children have been learning about samba drumming. They have also created repeated patterns with a range of instruments while keeping to the beat. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch the children's Christmas performance last week. It was great to see the children showing off what they had learnt in their lessons as well as singing some Christmas songs!

Nativity

Years 1 and 2 held their nativity on Thursday and Friday. The children and staff worked hard on the performance and I was really proud to see the show. Well done to everyone who was involved!

Star Points

As you will know, the children have been collecting star points this term. Children receive star points for outstanding work and excellent behaviour. Next week, the teachers will count up the stars for each child and they will receive a prize depending on how many points they have earned. The biggest prize will be awarded to those children who have more than 100 star points this term. There are some children who are very close to achieving this! I hope to see the children working really hard next week to try and earn as many stars as possible.

Admissions

The application period for a nursery place for the next academic year, starting in September 2018, is now open. If your child is due to start nursery next September, please collect an application form from reception. The completed forms should be returned to the academy by 23rd February 2018. Parents will be informed whether their child has a place by Friday, 16th March 2018. Further details can be found in the Admissions Arrangements policy which is on the school website under the "Policies" section.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will take place next week. The children will need to remember to bring a change of clothes for the afternoon of their party. A list of items that we need for the party is now displayed in classrooms around school. If you are able to bring in any of these items on the list, please sign your name next to the item. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher