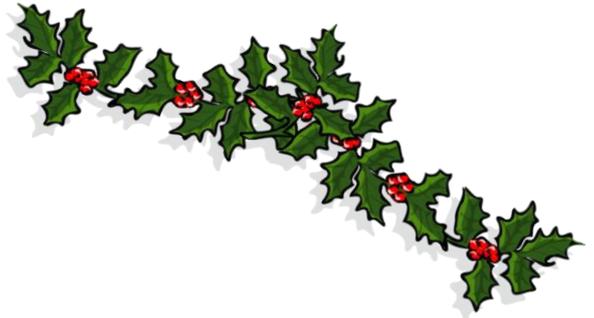




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Dear Parents,



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you so much for the wonderful support you gave our Guide Dogs Event team. It was fantastic seeing so many people and to receive so much delicious baking. We really, really appreciate it. The children made £121.66 for Oxfam through the sale of Fair Trade products. Tracey, manager of Penrith Oxfam sends her thanks and we know that items we bought support the universal rights of all children around the world.

The activities, raffle, cake and ticket sales raised over the target of £200, which will allow us to sponsor Teddy, a guide dog puppy for a year! The total amount we raised is £230. Brilliant and a big thank you from Abigail, Isabelle, Oliver, Timmy and Edie.

**AND ANOTHER THANK YOU!**

Thank you again to our wonderful children for their fab performance of our Christmas play. Also, a big thank you to all the children who represented school singing last week. They sang beautifully and, as always, behaved brilliantly. We are so very proud of them all.

### Winter Woodland Adventure

Tomorrow is our forest adventure. We will walk up to the woods for a day of adventures, including lunch around the campfire! We will wrap up and go unless the weather is very bad, so please make sure your child is wearing warm clothes (including hat, scarf and gloves) with a waterproof coat and boots. Nothing precious as we will be getting dirty! It will be a fun and memorable day.



### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is on Wednesday.

### Absence

Please find attached a letter from John Macilwraith, Director of Education for Cumbria about absence during term time. This letter has been sent to all local authority schools and outlines the county absence



policy. Please read it and support our school by **not** taking holidays during term time. If you have any questions about absence please speak to me. Thank you.

End of Term

We are having such a busy last two weeks of term. We finish at 2pm on Friday. Teachers will have some INSET time after this and again at the beginning of next term. We would like to invite anyone who can and would like to along for coffee\tea and a mince pie on Friday morning. Stay for a festive chat when the bell rings.

School starts back on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be in school on Monday for INSET training. The staff team and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Yours sincerely

Helen Hepworth  
Headteacher