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Dear Parents and Carers...

Staff Absences...

We are currently experiencing an exceptionally high number of staff absences due to illness. Within those classes which have been affected I have deployed supply teachers who are well known to the school and the children and in whom we have a high degree of confidence. The remaining staff members in these year groups have been amazing in supporting both classes during this very difficult period but clearly this puts a strain on all of the staff across school. Whilst I understand any concerns you may have if your child's teacher is absent, your patience and consideration is needed if we are to maintain a happy and high-quality environment for the pupils and also for the remaining staff members who are working extremely hard to ensure that the standard remains high for every child during this very challenging period. Please be reassured that your child's academic needs and happiness are uppermost in the minds of myself and all my staff. Your understanding during this most difficult period is gratefully received. If you have any concerns please contact me directly.

Christmas Fair and £1000 Raffle Prize...

The Christmas fair is on tomorrow from 3.30 - 5pm, with a wide variety of stalls and activities for your children to do, including having a 'Selfie with an Elfie' (guess who?). The top prize for the raffle this year is a holiday voucher from Thompson Holidays for £1000! This prize was donated by the parent of an ex-pupil who, following some good fortune, decided to share some of her good luck with us as a way of saying thanks for looking after her son. There are over 20 amazing prizes but there are large numbers of tickets still available. Much of the proceeds from the fair will go towards building and stocking our new library this year so, with such a brilliant prize and a brilliant cause, it'd be brilliant to get a final push on ticket sales. Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased from the office.

In order to raise as much money as possible and to take advantage of such an amazing array of prizes, instead of doing the draw tomorrow at the Fair, we are going to draw the raffle next Thursday 7th December at 3pm after the final the Christmas show; this gives everyone a bit more time to purchase tickets. If you can sell some at your workplace, please contact the school office.

Key103 Mission Christmas Toy Appeal...

As you may know, due to the persuasiveness of one of our pupils (well done Elliott), we have registered school as a drop-off point for toys as part of Key103's Mission Christmas toy appeal. They're asking people to buy an extra present that they can give to a disadvantaged local child to make their Christmas morning special. They need new, unwrapped gifts suitable for children and young people aged 0-18 years. They can be dropped off just inside the school's front doors or handed in via the class teacher. Pick-up date is 6th December.

With thanks and regards,

Iain Linsdell
Head teacher.