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(Letter 6)

Dear Parents / Carers



Thank you to those parents who came to watch the Year 3's **festival assembly for Guru Nanak's** birthday. All their rehearsal paid off, and they performed really well. They had written and produced a play explaining how the Sikh faith was founded and why Sikh's celebrate this festival. They had also learned a traditional dance which they performed for us all. Well done to all the children and staff in Y3!

The **Christmas Fair** is coming soon – Monday 14th December, starting at 3:00pm!

We would really appreciate items for the tombola and for the raffles. Can you also let us know if you are able to bring anything for the refreshments stall – cakes or biscuits. I'm sure the children are all keen to get baking!! We are busy preparing for the Fair – we currently have 34 stalls to run, so there will be plenty to do and to see. All the old favourites are back (Bouncy Castle, Facepainting, Santa's Grotto, Tombola, Raffle and all the little games that the children like so much), as well as quite a few new stalls.

Raffle tickets will shortly be on sale for both the children's raffle and the adult raffle. Tickets are available from the main reception. They are 25p per ticket, or a strip of 5 tickets for £1.

I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Fair!



Lots of fun has been had today with the School Council's fundraiser. They have worked hard with Ms McGill to organise it all, and to make sure that it has all run smoothly. They are getting better and better at the organisation – Ms McGill's aim is that they will be able to do this independently eventually! We will let you know how much they have raised in due course.

Don't forget that we are having our **Open Day** on Wednesday 2nd December. This is a change from the date originally published on the date cards as we have had to alter it. It is an opportunity for you to come in and spend part of the day (or the whole day!) in your child's class to see how it is that they are learning. We have sent home timetables for you so that you are able to come for a specific session if that is what you want to do. We always have a huge turnout for Open Day which is lovely for the children, and I look forward to seeing lots of you in school on that day.



We are still having a real focus on **reading** in school and the children should be reading at home with you every day. They will be bringing home books – some will be books at their reading level which they should be having a go at, and some will be from the library and will be something that interests them – these may need to be read together as they might be much harder. It is important that there is a balance of the two. Reading at home could be to mum or dad, older brothers & sisters, visiting aunts, uncles or grandparents – just so long as it is happening regularly each night. Try to write in the Home-School books as well so that you can keep the teachers up to date with how they are doing.

Some dates for this term for your diaries:

OPEN DAY – Wednesday 2nd December (**Change to date on date cards**)

School Council Fundraiser – Friday 27th November

Christmas Fair – Monday 14th December (3:00pm)

World Religion Day – Monday 25th January

UNICEF Day for Change – Friday 5th February

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February

World Book Days – 3rd & 4th March

Whole School Music Concert – Friday 18th March

History Days – 23rd & 24th March

Parents' Evenings – February 24th (4-8pm); July 13th (4-6pm)

ASSEMBLIES

Christmas (Christian) – Wed 16th & Thu 17th Dec
Chinese New Year (Buddhist) – Wednesday 10th Feb
Easter (Christian) – Tuesday 22nd March



Now the weather is getting a lot colder please make sure that your child has suitable clothes for playtime & lunchtime – **a warm coat, scarf, gloves and hat**. Please also ensure that every item of your child's clothes is **clearly named**. We still have a large amount of items in the Lost Property at the moment that we cannot return as we don't know who it belongs to. It would really help us if you could do this. If your child is missing anything then please check out the Lost Property trolley in the bottom hall.

We are hoping to organise a **menu tasting event** in the New Year. As you know we change the menus for the children's lunches every six months, and each time we change them we add some new dishes to the menus. We would like to offer you the opportunity to come along after school one day to taste some of the dishes we have on the menus, so that you then can encourage your child to try them too!



Have a lovely weekend!

Kate McGee

