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# CLASS ONE

#### Almost Christmas!

#### Shekinah:

Wow! What a great response we had as a school for our harvest fundraising this year! We more than tripled our goal of £500 to raise a staggering £1670 so thank you so very much to everyone who helped or contributed in any way to achieving this total! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

#### **Snack Time:**

The new snack time routine is working very well and the children are enjoying the responsibility of preparing snack for their peers then washing up at the end of the session! Anyone who has not being paying weekly will automatically have the cost added to next term's fee statement. Please see a member of staff if you would rather pay cash.

#### Tapestry:

The children are all trying hard in class this year and their achievements are regularly recorded for you to see on Tapestry. We would love it if even more of you could add some posts of your own to show us what you child is up to out of school. Please also make a note of some of the suggestions we give to further support your child out of school. Thank you.



### Happy Birthday, Winnie!

This year is the 90th anniversary of A.A. Milne writing the well loved Winnie the Pooh stories. Classes One and Two had a great time celebrating Winnie's birthday by sharing stories, making cakes and taking part in craft activities linked to the theme. We created a 'Pooh Corner' where they all sat and listened to a story read by a guest speaker - Mrs Martin! Each child was part of a different group - Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Piglet and Eeyore, and were able to make hats, rosettes, bookmarks and beehive paintings with the other children in their group. The children had a fantastic time and finished off the celebrations by lighting a candle on one of the cakes they had made and singing 'Happy Birthday' to Winnie the Pooh!



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## General notices and reminders:

• The staff will be carrying out a full uniform check at some point this term. We will be checking to see all children have the correct items of uniform and that **all** items are fully labelled, including ties, lunchboxes, shoes, etc. I'm sure you can appreciate how difficult it can be when a child loses an item of clothing but it is not labelled. We always endeavour to find any missing items, but we cannot guarantee you getting the correct item back if it is not labelled. We will pass



out letters to parents detailing any items that are found to be unlabelled.

 For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years please visit www.gov.uk/early-yearsfoundation-stage.



#### **Christmas**

Yes, it's that time of year again! The staff have already been busy planning plenty of fun activities for all of the children to do over the second half of the term but we need to give you a few reminders about specific events coming up!

- Those of you who have already paid for the The Emperor's New Clothes trip need to make sure that your child has their blue school overcoat for the trip to the Theatre Royal on Thursday 1st December.
- Friday 2nd December is the school Christmas dinner. There will be a letter going out closer to the time for those of you who wish to purchase this for your child.
- Class One's Christmas performance will be at 1:30pm on Wednesday 7th December in Class One.
- Party day is the last day of term, Friday 9th December. The children can come in party clothes and won't need a packed lunch. A donation of sweet or savoury food towards the party food would be greatly appreciated instead. School finishes early at 12pm on this day so please make arrangements to collect your child at this time.

#### Trip to the park:

The children enjoyed a trip to Beaumont Park just before the half term holidays to look at how things change during Autumn. We took a picnic hamper with us and had the snack that the children had prepared whilst sitting on a picnic blanket. The children then went off to collect Autumn items and do bark rubbings. We finished off with a few minutes in the play park, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

