

28 November 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Last week at Brindishe Manor

PSFA (Parents, Staff and Friends Association) Winter Fair

What an amazing fair we had last Friday! We were delighted to see so many families, friends and neighbours visiting the school to enjoy the wide range of games, activities and refreshments set up by our fantastic PSFA team. Of course the highlights included getting to visit Santa and visiting the 'present room' where children could choose and wrap a gift for someone they love.

It was a very happy event and included strong performances from our KS1 and KS2 choirs and from our woodwind (flute, clarinet and recorder) players, as well as a sing-a-long hosted by Mark Tiller on the piano. Many thanks to Katie Clapton, Mark Maguire and Steffi Dykes for preparing our young musicians so well.

Many, many parents, carers, staff and friends volunteered on Friday, helping to set up and run each of the stalls and events. Thank you to each and every one of you for your support.

However, special thanks go to the following Members of the PSFA committee without whose sterling efforts and planning the fair would not have taken place: Sandra Tidholm-Sergin, Wendy Humble, Diane Foster, Claire Johnston, Shara Choudhury, Sarah Tigwell, Lisa Sweet, Julie Morrison and Victoria Flint. We are immensely grateful to you for giving so generously of your time, energy and creativity - and all voluntarily - for

Brindishe Manor.

We look forward to hearing soon how much the fair has raised for the school.

Winter performances for 'Prickly Hay' EYFS/KS1 December 6 and 7, 9.30am and 2.15pm

Due to restricted space and to be fair to all children we have to limit tickets for performances to 2 per family. Tickets for 'Prickly Hay' are disappearing fast. Please enquire at the school office if you haven't got yours already.

KS2 winter performances

Information about the performances and how to get tickets will be coming from the school office within the next few days.

Book Fair

Many thanks to everyone who attended the book fair last week. Takings reached well over £1,400 – an incredible amount – and we will let you know what we will be able to buy for the school early in the new year.

Dates for your diary

28 Nov 'Turning of the Year' concert at Blackheath Halls

30 Nov KS2 SATs meeting for Y6 parents and carers, 6pm

1 Dec Y6 to Hazard House

5 Dec Y4 to the Golden Hinde

6+7 Dec EYFS/KS1 perform 'Prickly Hay'

13+14 Dec KS2 Winter Performances

15 Dec Christmas Lunch for children

16 Dec Last day of term

****3 Jan** INSET day for staff only

****4 Jan** Children back to school

Best wishes,

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