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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our twelve Christmas concerts this year. I hope that you have enjoyed all of the beautiful singing and acting - the children and teachers have worked so hard and having such good audiences brings their shows to life.

Thank you also for your amazing generosity in supporting our Christmas charities. We have raised the following amounts:



Early Years, Years 1/2
Years 3/4
Years 5/6

The Footprints Orphanage
St Giles Hospice
The Samaritans and
The Salvation Army

£715.30
£255.32
£179.45



This is a fantastic amount of money to raise for very worthwhile causes, **£1150.07** in total. Thank you on behalf of all these charities.

Thank you also to the kitchen staff and the team from Mellors for cooking over 630 delicious Christmas dinners and a Christmas party meal for all the children in the school. This involves a great deal of hard work but it is very enjoyable for the children (and staff!).

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Hayden, who will be relocating to another area of the country. We know that she will be greatly missed as she has done a lot of work with parents and has organised many family learning events and excursions as well as being a caring teacher to her class. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Callaghan and we send her our best wishes for the future. Both teachers will be replaced in Year 1 by Mrs Peach, who is moving from Year 3 and Miss Burson-Thomas. Mrs Peach's class will be taught by Mrs Tomes. Both of the new teachers are very much looking forward to working with you and your children and becoming part of the William Shrewsbury family. We are also saying 'au revoir' to Mrs Natrass who is leaving us to go on maternity leave. We send her our best wishes and hope she brings her new baby to see us in the New Year.

Thank you on behalf of the staff for all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. We wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. **We look forward to seeing you all again when school reopens on Monday 6th January 2020.**

Please look out for the dates for next term, along with this newsletter.

Elaine Curtis
Headteacher



Good news and thank you from AFWS

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair on the 23rd November.

It raised **£6952.47** That's a fantastic result and we thank you for your generosity and support. We are very fortunate to have such great support from our parents and community at William Shrewsbury. The children will benefit from the money which will be used to buy interactive whiteboards and more books for our story book projects. These are things which bring learning to life for our children.

A big thank you to the hard working AFWS committee for all their support for the school, including supplying the Selection boxes for the Christmas parties.



Learning Meeting for Year 6 Parents

We will be holding two meetings for Year 6 parents on **Thursday 9th January at 2.00 pm and 5.00pm** to explain ways that parents can help with their children's learning in the final important months of their primary education, including how to support with homework and how to prepare for assessments.

Peter Pan Pantomime Trip

Thanks to all the parent helpers who helped create a truly memorable visit for our Early Years and KS1 children. The pantomime was great fun! Every single child behaved really well and was a credit to the school.



Diary Dates

Your child will be bringing home the diary dates today. Please read them carefully and make a note of any dates relevant to your family. For some of the events this will be the only notification sent out so please keep them in a safe place.

You can also check out our website www.williamshrewsbury.staffs.sch.uk to see what is coming up in the new year.

Thank you.



Test Results 2019

The national tests results for 2019 were published recently. Here are the KS1 and KS2 results for last year. National results are in red and our school in black. You can see that these are very good results - congratulations to all the pupils and staff.

Key Stage 1 At Expected:

Subject	School	National
English - Reading	76%	75%
English - Writing	74%	69%
Mathematics	83%	76%
Science	86%	82%
RWM	72%	65%

Key Stage 2 Test results At Expected:

Subject	School	National
English - Reading	75%	73%
English - Writing	85%	78%
GPS	84%	78%
Mathematics	88%	79%
Science	89%	83%
RWM combined exp	68%	65%

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to spend a few hours helping the children in school? We always need more helpers, especially in Year 6. Please contact Mrs S Martin or Mrs Kirk in school if you can help.

Lost Property

Over the Christmas break, please can we ask that you check that all items of school uniform and PE kits are named. We have a lot of unnamed items, worth a total of hundreds of pounds, that we dispose of at the end of each term.



Severe Weather Procedures

For your information, if we decide to close the school due to severe weather in the coming winter months, a message will be published on our website and a text message sent out to parents. Staffordshire County Council also has a designated Emergency School Closures area on their website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx>

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE -
THANK YOU FOR ALL
YOUR SUPPORT IN 2019!**

