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Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support this Autumn Term. As always, we have so much to celebrate.

Lilian Greenwood Christmas Card Competition

Our local MP Lilian Greenwood visited our school to present winners of the Christmas Card Competition. One runner up from Year 6, was chosen for their creative and skilled drawings related to Nottingham. Three high commendations were also given to pupils in Year 1, 4 and 6, in recognition of their artistic drawings.

Performances

Last week, we had our fantastic December production of Dick Whittington by Year 5 and 6. Our pupils' acting, singing and dancing were amazing. It was a show worthy of the West End! A huge and special thank you to Mr Clarke, Mrs Stone and Mrs Taylor for the months of hard work and preparation behind the scenes.

For the first time, our pupils from EYFS to Year 6 took part in the Festive Songs from Around the World Concert. Our No Outsiders Leadership team helped to choose songs, representing some of the different faiths of our pupils and families. Our pupils sang beautifully and with so much passion. We enjoyed listening to songs such as: 'Dreidel' a Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, 'Feliz Navidad' Spanish Christmas song, 'Allah Hoo' Islamic devotional song and Jingle Bells an American song and was originally written for Thanksgiving.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was a huge success. Our families enjoyed toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate, playing chocolate tombola and much more. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all and helped to raise funds for our school. Thank you to all for your support.

Achievement Assembly

What a joy to share the achievements for so many of our pupils this term. Pupils from EYFS to Year 6 were recognised for their achievements, behaviour or kindness. It was a real joy to hear such wonderful and positive comments about each pupil. Pupils were also awarded for 100% attendance and completing their project homeworks.

Lakeside Arts Christmas Exhibition

Pupils from Year 5 and 6, are one of 11 local schools across Nottingham, who contributed artwork to the gorgeous interactive installation inspired by Lakeside's Christmas show, The Boy Who Cried Wolf by Tutti Frutti. The exhibition features barmy life-sized sheep, knitted jumpers and some wonderful recycled crafts to create a little sprinkle of Christmas and winter magic. Don't miss your opportunity to visit. Click on this link for more details:

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/exhibitions/event/5975/christmas-exhibition.html>

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Core Values

Our core value this term was Perseverance. It has been displayed in abundance. Next term we will focus on Exploration. Pupils will develop the skills needed to further their independent learning through study, investigation and research.

Attendance

We are committed to ensuring that our pupils attend school every day. Children are expected to have a minimum of 97% attendance. If you are unsure as to whether your child is well enough to attend school, please read the guidance provided by NHS. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please note that school will not authorise any extended holidays taken over the Christmas break, for pupils who do not return to school on the 4th January.

Lost property

We have a huge collection of lost items in Hayley's Shelter. Please check for any of your child's lost items. Any remaining items will be disposed of after school closes on Wednesday 20th December. Please remember to label your child's clothes. This will ensure that they are returned to the correct owner.

School Uniform

Parents/Carers are reminded that pupils must wear the correct school uniform and PE kit. (See school website and parent handbook). The weather is very unpredictable at present; please send an outdoor coat in case of rain and suitable school shoes.

Dates:

Please make a note of the following dates below:

- 20.12.23 Last Day of Term – school closes at 1:30pm.
- 04.01.23 School reopens for the Spring Term
- 09.01.23 Yr 3/4 Multiplication Timetable Checking Parent Meeting 9am and 3.20pm
- 17.01.23 SEND Coffee Afternoon
- 01.02.23 NSPCC Numbers Day

As always, thank you for your continued support. From all of the staff at Southwold Primary School, we wish you a wonderful festive holiday with your family and friends and a very Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Salmeron Head Teacher