

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents

### **End of term newsletter.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and restful Christmas and to thank you for your on-going support over this very busy Autumn term. The staff and I have particularly appreciated your enthusiasm, generosity and commitment to the many events and activities that have taken place during this term. Many thanks also for your kind Christmas gifts, cards and wishes.

### **Christmas Fayre.**

I hope that you all enjoyed the school Christmas Fayre. It really was a wonderful afternoon and it was great to see the children enjoying all the different Christmas games and activities. The Christmas Fayre took months of careful planning and organising and I would like to thank FOVE, those involved in the fayre organisation and those who volunteered during the fayre, for all their hard work and dedication. This year the Fayre raised an amazing £3880!

I know that many of you also enjoyed the Valley End Christmas Market earlier in the term. I think that you will agree that this was also a great success.

Many thanks for supporting the work of FOVE as they continue to raise money for the children and the school. I know that every donation is very gratefully received.

### **Christmas Play.**

I am sure that you will agree that our Christmas production 'Countdown to Christmas' was a great success. The children all sang, acted and spoke clearly and confidently and everyone, children and adults alike, clearly enjoyed themselves. As in previous years we will be donating the proceeds of ticket sales and donations to the Children with Special Needs Foundation (CWSNF). You can find out about the work of CWSNF by looking at their website at [www.childrenwithspecialneeds.co.uk](http://www.childrenwithspecialneeds.co.uk). We will let you know the total of the school's donation in the new year.

We still have some DVDs of the Christmas Play for sale, so please do contact the school office if you would like to purchase one.

### **Christmas Parties.**

On Monday the children all enjoyed their Christmas parties. They spent the morning making and decorating party food and then enjoyed an afternoon of party games and eating! During the afternoon, Santa visited each class and presented them with class presents. It was all very exciting!

### **School Council**

I would like to thank this term's School Council members for all their hard work. They have attended many meetings and helped me with projects across the school. The School Council members this term were Franklyn F (Fox Class), Eden S (Fox Class), Nicole D L (Badger Class), Oliver L (Badger Class), Siham C (Squirrel Class), Arthur E (Squirrel Class), Elliott B (Rabbit Class) and Eva L (Rabbit Class).

There will be a new School Council elected at the beginning of next term. Councillors will be democratically elected and chosen by their classmates.

If your child is in **Year 1 or Year 2, has not been a school councillor before** and would like to apply to be a school councillor for the Spring Term, please read the attached job description and application form. The application form must be returned to the class teacher no later than **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9.15am**. All applications will be read to classmates and prospective applicants will have an opportunity to discuss why they think they would make a good school councillor. **Children in Frog and Mole Class will have an opportunity to apply to be a school councillor in the Summer Term.**

**Please be assured that the election process will be handled very sensitively. Furthermore, those children who apply, but are not elected, will receive a Headteacher's Award during Celebration Assembly in recognition of their effort and commitment.**

**Please note that school finishes at 2pm today. We also have INSET days on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of January and then the children return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of January at the usual time.**

Once again have a happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in January!

Yours sincerely

Mr R Mead

Headteacher



# Valley End Church of England Infant School

## School Council

## Job Description

### A School Council Representative

- ✓ Is willing to listen to others
  - ✓ Attends meetings regularly
  - ✓ Reports ideas to the class and the Council accurately
  - ✓ Can accept responsibility for completing tasks
  - ✓ Is willing to meet visitors to the school, represent the school for special occasions
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### Application Form to be a School Council Representative for the Spring Term

NAME:.....Class.....

I would make a good School Councillor because:

Please return to class teacher by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9.15am.