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3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021.

Dear Parent / Carer,

With just a couple of weeks to go before the end of term, I hope this letter finds you well and coping with winter life, and for many of you working through Christmas preparations! The season is well and truly underway, so I'll just give you a few reminders about what's going on at school.

I'll start by thanking parents and carers of children in Reception class who joined Mrs Hill and the children for their Christmas workshop yesterday. It was so lovely to see you and I know the children had lots of fun sharing that special time with you and demonstrating their creative skills!

### Reindeer Run for St Mary's Hospice

The weather forecast is showing a high probability of rain next week. We hope to find a dry spell on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** to complete the run for all classes. So with that in mind, please send your children in wearing trainers on that day. If they come home without their completion sticker and also, obviously tell you they didn't do the run, then we will carry it forward to the next day, so send them in wearing trainers again...and so on, until we manage to get out there without getting soaked! Thank you to those of you who have sent in your sponsor forms or told us how much you have raised so far – every little bit really does help this great facility!

### Raffle tickets

These will be on sale every day on the playground – at the picnic bench by the Woodland Walk. There have been lots of great prizes donated so far – thank you to staff and, of course, Beckett's Farm.

### Christmas Fayre

Hopefully you will have had a chance to talk through with your child what parts of the fayre they want to join in with and will have an idea of spending money.



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We ask that you send in no more than £10 - I am sure many of you will be thinking much less than that at this expensive time of year, so don't feel pressured to hand out too much money – a few 50p coins will still give the children lots of fun. Raffle tickets and 'guess the names of the bears in their beds' will carry on until the 16<sup>th</sup> December, so it doesn't all have to be spent at once!

Please try to send the money in coins to help us with change as we will have a limited amount in our floats. Send in an individual envelope for each child with their names clearly marked. That way the teachers can collect them in and give out again when it is their turn for the fayre. We will have a good talk with each class about looking after their money as they go around the stalls, and then take the envelopes back with any change, ready for the end of the day.

### Carol concert

On the last day of term, **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, the virtual carol concert will go out live at 9.05 am. Links to join will be sent to your email addresses. We will also draw the raffle at this time and have prizes available at the end of the school day, and reveal who has won the bears in the beds.

### COVID

Back to reality now, unfortunately! We end the week with 6 cases of COVID, but just one new reported this week. Hopefully numbers will remain low, but we know that this can only be maintained by continuing to take precautions and maintaining our risk assessment. The last thing we want to do is risk an outbreak before we all break for the holidays and many of us see wider family, including older and vulnerable people. So while it is possible to welcome visitors in small numbers to school, and groups of parents and carers for class-based activities as they arise, it is simply too risky to have our traditional end of term events like the fayre and the concert live and open to everyone. We don't like it any more than you, and as a head, it is difficult decision to make when we are such a tight-knit community. But while this virus continues to mutate and scientists have told us that Omicron, the latest mutation, has shown to have a fast spread rate, it is not the time to pack the hall. I look



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### Photographs

If you want to order the photos that were taken by the school photographer, you need to hand your envelopes back in by **9.00am Monday 6th December**.

That's the notices for this week – we will keep you updated throughout next week as and when needed. So until then, have a happy and safe weekend.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth