



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Christmas Fayre - Thank you for all your support at the Christmas Fayre. Our PTA did a fabulous job in organising this event. An awful lot of work goes on behind the scenes both before and after to make it a success. We raised £2,500. We are extremely grateful to the PTA as their fundraising efforts have enabled us to upgrade the interactive whiteboards in Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2. We hope to support other year groups as we continue with fundraising this year. The PTA also organised a festive Christmas Disco for the children this week.



After School Clubs - thank you for returning your replies. Allocation letters for spring 2017 will be issued in January when we return to school.

Skipping Festival - Congratulations to our Year 2 children who attended the skipping festival last week. They really were 'super skippers' being nominated for the Gold Award for the best overall team. They also won 2 Gold's, 5 Silvers and 2 Bronze awards.

Christmas Performances - The performances this last week have been absolutely wonderful! The children have worked incredibly hard to learn songs, words and dances. We are very proud of them and thank you for your support - an appreciative audience ensured the children enjoyed performing for you all.

Polar Express Assembly - today the children enjoyed a very special treat on their last day. They entered the hall through a ticket barrier which was our very own 'Polar Express Train' and went on a magical Christmas journey. After a hot chocolate treat they all left the hall with a bell to remind them of the magic of Christmas.



'Our Core Values' Award - this term we have concentrated on our core values of friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility. In Assembly yesterday the teachers nominated two children from each class who consistently demonstrate these values.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mr Merryweather who leaves his full time post today to work alongside his wife, in their new venture at Busy Bees Nursery. We are delighted that he will continue to work at Southridge for one afternoon a week covering in Year 4. Mrs McSwinney, Year 2 teaching assistant also leaves us today and we wish her well.

Reminders:

E-Safety Session for Parents and Carers - On Monday 24th January at 9am. Claire Graham our I.T. Adviser will be in school to deliver an internet safety session for parents and carers in the school hall. This will be an informative session lasting approximately one hour and is part of our safeguarding agenda to ensure that we work together to protect our children when they are using the internet.