



Dunster First School- Friday News

Headteacher: Naomi Philp

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much for such kind donations. Seeing you bring bag after bag into school, for our Big Advent Fair has been amazing. Cake tray after cake, toy after toy, you have looked after us in such an amazing manner. The year 4 games have been really well supported, Santa's boots are filling up nicely, and the stars are flooding in, making Mrs Thrush very happy!

The toy fair this morning was a sight to behold, the excited looks on the children's faces grinning with joy as they purchased their treasures. My goodness the year 4 did well selling, they would give the market traders in London a run for their money! I am really looking forward to seeing how on earth you are going to get all of this home?!

A huge thank you is extended to our Friends of Dunster School, The FODs! Without their tireless efforts, organisation, and relentless drive to ensure The Big Advent Fair (and everything that leads up to it) is a success. Thank you to everyone of you who has helped so far to: make up hampers, fold raffle tickets, organise silent bids, steal/borrow Santa's boots, make programmes, make up sweetie games, organise stalls, canvass businesses, bake cakes, put up posters, provide food and mulled wine, plus many *many* more jobs that have been undertaken in the lead up to and during this great event.

The Big Advent Fair this evening is set to be a truly magical event when everyone comes together to support our school. These funds, that you raise as a community, for us are so incredibly important; please know that without this we would not be able to provide for the children in the same way. Thank you for helping us to make our school education the best it can be, by giving what you can so generously. The support you give either as parents, carers, business owners, relatives and neighbours, these acts of kindness will benefit our young people today, so that they might have a bright future tomorrow.

Next stop on our lead up to Christmas is the Christmas Film Night and Dunster by Candlelight, both of which I am also thoroughly looking forward to. Further information on those is in the notices section.

Once again, thank you for your support.

I am looking forward to seeing you all tonight.

Mrs Naomi Philp

Head teacher



Safeguarding/ Safety Notices:

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We spoke to the pupils this week explicitly about 'safety at school' and around the school site. This recaps from our 'superhero safety day.' We explained why adults have to sign in, and why we wear lanyards. We covered things like: the safety codes on our front doors and camera security; we talked about road safety and high visibility jackets. We will also be talking about safe and kind behaviours, such as walking in the building, gentle play and being kind to others. Finally, we covered the need to talk to a 'safe' adult if something doesn't feel right, or something has upset or hurt you. Please feel free to talk to them about these messages at home to help reinforce the important messages.

Other notices:

- **Community Awards Assemblies:** Our next Community Awards Assembly is on 1st December at 9.15am, tea/ coffee and treats available in the hall from 9am. There is parking available at the Tithe Barn between 8:30am and 10:30am. (Thank you Tithe Barn team!)
- **Dunster by Candlelight:** Year 4 are taking part in the lantern making workshops on the 29th November and can join the opening parade on Friday 1st December, more information will follow from Mr James. Other children can join the parade too as the coordinator has said they do have extra lanterns.
- **Christmas Film Night:** On the 30th November, as advertised outside of year 2 classroom.
- **School Development Plan:** We have included a school development plan leaflet for you to peruse. This summary should give you, as stakeholders and school guardians, an overview of how we intend to develop the school and continue to ensure a superb quality of education. Any comments or questions can be fed back to Mrs Philp and the team, either by email/ letter or by just dropping in.
- **Switch off Fortnight:** Our Eco Champions did a wonderful assembly on Tuesday reminding us all why it is important to save electricity. We have had our lights turned off, charging appliances checked, heating turned down slightly and had a good talking to about saving the planet, so we hope this is spreading to your homes too!