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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need:

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families. You raised a grand total of £159.30 for Children in Need!



Just Talk Week

This week is 'Just Talk' Week 2023. Hertfordshire's Just Talk Campaign Week, which focuses on positive mental health. This year our theme for the week, 'Back to Basics', focuses on providing clear information about Just Talk and its benefits to children and young people, parents/carers, schools and professionals throughout Hertfordshire. Mrs Betley is developing the language of feelings in collective worship to support children in identifying and naming their feelings. This then supports their emotional literacy and regulation.

Enrichment:

On Friday 24th November, Layston will host a speed-stacking event organised by the School Sports Partnership. This is an engage and inspire event for selected children to take part in. The children will have a lovely morning of activity with other children invited from the local Buntingford first schools.

FOLS Non-uniform day:

FOLS are inviting children to come into school in non-uniform on Friday 24th November and to bring in a voluntary donation (big or small) for the Christmas Fair tombola. Please remember that we are a nut free school and alcoholic donations can be handed into the school office or to a FOLS representative on the playground.

After School Clubs:

On Thursday the 30th November the Times Tables Rock Stars club, RTFC after school club will not run as we have our Christmas Fair in the hall at 3:30pm. Please check RTFC website for any further changes. School run clubs will end on Friday 8th December. RTYFC clubs will continue until the end of term.

Christmas Fair:

On Thursday 30th December at 3:30-6:00pm FOLS will be holding our annual Christmas Fair. There will be a range of stalls, including Forest School handmade Christmas decorations. You can purchase your child's creation there to hang on your tree. FOLS have been in contact with Father Christmas and he has made time in his busy schedule to visit us. You can book a visit to Santa's Grotto via the link sent by FOLS.

Christmas production:

For this year's production Years 1-4 children will be taking part in Cinderella Rockerfella. Each family will be given 2 tickets to use over 3 performances. Play performances will take place on Wednesday 13th December 1:30-15:05, Thursday 14th December 1:30-15:05 and Friday 15th December 17:30-19:05. Play tickets will open to Year 4 parents on Friday 24th November at 6pm. Booking will open to all other parents on Monday 27th November at 4pm. Please note any tickets booked outside of these dates and times will be removed.

Reception children will be performing the Nativity at St Peter's Church for their Christmas performance. For this performance YR parents will be able to access the online booking system from Monday 28th November at 6:00pm. These will be limited to two tickets per family due to restricted numbers in the church.

Occasional day

Just a reminder that we have an occasional day in line with other local schools on **Friday 1st December** and therefore school will close and you can enjoy a long weekend.

Best wishes

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Headteacher

