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Dear Parents,

Christmas Fair: what an amazing day. It was lovely to see so many people and the total raised by the Friends was **£1517.11 profit!**

Thank you so much to all those who helped in any way, donated or simply turned up and enjoyed the event.



We hope Santa brings you what you want Luke and Angus!



Face painting is always very popular!



Last week we had two special assemblies. The first one was led by All Stars who run holiday clubs and will be doing a club during the February half term at

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Hingham school. The children had great fun trying out some Tai Kwondo which is just one of the activities they do at the club.



How loud can you shout guys?



The other special assembly was when our ukulele players demonstrated their skill with their teacher, Kate Hallam. Well done Poppy and Jake! If anyone else is interested in learning an instrument, please contact the school office.



stage using Scratch.

Computing: Year 6 also had a very exciting visitor last week. Mr Colin Mower, who works for IBM has been released by his company to do some time at school helping with the new computing curriculum. Colin said that he started by talking about some of the history of computing which is part of our heritage and then explained why computing is important. He taught them about instructions and algorithms, and then set them the task of creating a disco



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Café Français: Back in September, I rashly mooted the idea of staging a French café with my Year 6 language class (I may have regretted thinking of the idea!) and on Wednesday this week, we put the idea into practice. A group of the children went into Year 5 to teach them the language they needed, while others got the room ready and still others prepared the food. At 11.30 am “Café Martin-Pêcheur” opened its doors to its Year 5 guests and, I think, a good time and linguistically profitable time, was had by all!

KS1 production: Midwife Crisis

What a great performance- all the stress (on the part of the teachers!) was worth it. Well done to all the performers and staff who made it possible.



Wren Parent/child Christmas Craft Day

It was also lovely to see so many parents working with their children at the craft morning organised by Anna Brett and Tina Frary from the Wymondham Cluster.

(Even baby Georgina joined in with big sister Holly!)



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Nursery Decoration Day:



Those biscuits looked delicious, but I am not sure how many made it home

KS1 and 2 Decoration Day:



Glitter, glue, snowmen and Christmas trees ... enough said!



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How creative you all are! I hope that those of you who joined in this morning's activities had an enjoyable time.



Poppy Appeal: thank you to everyone who contributed to the Poppy collection. A total of £36.41 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who donated books to the stall run by Sheila Chaplin. A total of £1500 was raised for the Ebola crisis and any children's books that were left over have been given to a school in Gambia.

Wymondham Rugby Club Presents:

Half term Rugby Fundays 2015

Tuesday 17th February Under 6s-10s; Wednesday 18th February Under 11s-14s

From 10am-3pm - Costs only £20 per day, lunch included.

To book your place contact Anita Coleman by email at: david.w.coleman@openreach.co.uk

Or telephone 01953 600061. New players of all abilities welcome.

Road Safety On Ice – Winter Driving Advice

At this time of year, many of us prefer the option of the car rather than cycling or walking in the cold & wet, snow or ice. So I thought it would be timely to have a few winter driving reminders for the commute or school run.

Vision:

- Don't drive off like a tank commander – with a tiny peephole through the ice. Allow extra time to clear windscreens and the rest of the vehicle properly



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before you set off - how would you be affected and viewed if you do knock a child over because you could not see clearly.

- Check & replace windscreen wipers, & top up windscreen washers with a freeze preventing additive (not engine antifreeze). Do prevent smears, which decrease your visibility, as can scratches & chips, especially in dazzling sunlight.

Lights:

- Use lights in dull conditions – you may have clear visibility but it helps others see you earlier.
- Clean lights of dirt, snow, ice or condensation
- Switch off fog lights when no longer needed – they can dazzle others & obscure brake lights. Do this when visibility is less than 100 metres.

Tyres:

- The AA recommend at least 3mm tread for winter – They are the only thing in contact with the road, so the more tread the better your tyres will shift water away and maintain contact with the road.
- Consider winter or all season tyres, which grip better in cold conditions.
- DON'T reduce tyre pressures – this doesn't give more grip and does reduce stability.

Adverse weather:

- Decide if you truly need to travel – check local forecasts & warnings
- Allow more time for journeys – phone ahead to take the pressure off being late
- Have dry shoes in the car for driving – snow-clogged chunky boots can slip on the pedals
- Drive so you can stop within the distance you can see, have a bigger gap to the vehicle in front (this can also enable you to keep moving on hills rather than stopping), and brake gently.
- Stopping distances can increase by up to ten times when it is icy.

Skid avoidance training is available at a reduced cost through Norfolk County Council – or if you need any further advice:

Tel: 0344 800 8020

or for young drivers, just £25 via Norfolk TREAD - young driver workshops

www.think.norfolk.gov.uk/young-driver/tread-says

Safe motoring and Have a Happy Christmas & New Year

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**ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STAFF WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



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