

### **Christmas fairs**

Thank you very much for all your support at the PTA Christmas fair. The event was a great success and raised over £1000. This money all goes to buy those extras for pupils which includes items such as ice creams in the summer, presents at Christmas and Easter Eggs. The PTA also helped to pay for the pantomime performance of Cinderella on Wednesday. The quality of the performance was excellent and the pupils loved the fact that it included many of the latest songs which they could join in with. They obviously also enjoyed the traditional pantomime audience participation, including some fantastic dancing by Mrs Maguire, Mr Simm and Mr Gaukroger.

Thank you to all those who attended St Leonard's church fair last weekend. The choir sang beautifully and the church very much appreciated all the support.

### **Late arrivals**

Please ensure your child arrives in good time for the school day. Over the next few months the Lancashire County Council Attendance team will be monitoring our gates to tackle persistent lateness which is effecting the children's progress in school because they are missing vital teaching.

Members of the Attendance team will be present on the gates and asking for reasons for lateness and monitoring this over time.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you so much for all your generous donations for the Charity work the children have undertaken this term. We send a very generous gift of over £500 to Woodside Care Home, over 50 boxes to Operation Christmas and £417 to Children in Need. This is absolutely amazing and demonstrates how generous each one of you have been.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December we are holding a Christmas jumper day. This is a fun event for the children to wear non-uniform with a Christmas theme. Please do not feel the need to go out and buy a specific Christmas jumper (children grow so fast these can often get very little wear); they could design their own jumper using tinsel and other decorations.

Although there is no charge for this, there are two local charities which you may want to support:

- Home Start have pledged to ensure that every local child they support has a Christmas present to open on Christmas day and so have asked for donations of new toys .
- Some of the St Leonard's staff will be serving a Christmas dinner for homeless people on Christmas day at Mooch café. They would like to ensure that everyone leaves with a gift and so would appreciate donations of toiletries, toys or other

Therefore if you would like to support either of these charities please send either a 50 pence donation or an appropriate, small gift into school on Christmas jumper day. Thank you.