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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

Dear Parents,



Thank you to everyone who took part in this fund raiser for children everywhere. Together with your donations at "Hey Ewe" we have so far raised £174. Thank you for your generosity.

### Christmas Lunch

We had a splendid Christmas lunch on Thursday. Huge thanks are due to Mrs Rayner and her team who produced a wonderful festive meal and to all the staff who mucked in and served and generally helped out.

### Tackling Tables inter-school competition

Jack Layn (Year 6) came second in the first ever Tackling Tables inter-school competition – he completed 100 multiplication questions in 2 minutes 22 seconds! Well done Jack!

### Church service

It was lovely to see so many parents at the church service on Tuesday. Many thanks to Reverend Dawn for leading it and to all the children who took part.

### Staff donation

This year the staff decided that rather than sending each other Christmas cards, we would make a donation to an African charity. We have raised £80 and this will mean we send a toilet, handwashing facilities and a beehive to a country such as Ethiopia or Uganda.

### Christmas parties

On the last afternoon – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - staff will organise some fun activities for the children. We are NOT asking for food or contributions for this and children do not need to dress up. We will provide drinks and organise the games, etc.

### Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Reception with 98.3%. Well done! Overall attendance last week was 92.8%, which is very low. Obviously there is some illness about at this time of year, but I am also aware of other absences for unauthorised reasons. **We will be working and learning right to the end of term so it is vital that your children have the best possible attendance right up to 20<sup>th</sup> December.** Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	89.3%
Year 3	91.6%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	90.7%

**Achievement awards**

Due to the many events this week we did not hold an achievement assembly today. This morning we did present swimming certificates to many in Year 5 and 6 for their improvements in swimming and one or two other certificates for Tackling Tables, reading and also for Lexia. Well done to all those children who have kept achieving up to the end of term.

**Christmas Fair**

Thank you to all those staff and parents who helped out at our wonderful Christmas fair. Also many thanks for all the contributions. Thanks to everyone’s hard work and Miss Beresford’s leadership we raised over £760 for school funds. A brilliant effort.

**School mission statement**

This term we have reviewed our school mission statement. We have been trying to make it shorter and more direct. Its purpose is to underpin all our work with a clear set of principles (even if we are not yet consistently achieving our goals) which all staff and governors can remember. It is meant to be distinctive of our school in its context as a Church school and as a school that is on a journey of improvement. It has been discussed by all the staff and by governors and edited. We will also share it with the children in School Council. Now it is your turn. On the tear off slip at the end of the letter please tell us your thoughts about the following:

**Everyone learning, everyone caring.**

*At Elm CE Primary School*

- *We are a caring, ‘can do’ Christian community.*
- *We are working to ensure every child achieves well through consistently good teaching, support and challenge.*
- *Everyone is valued and respected; everyone has a contribution to make.*
- *We provide a curriculum that engages children and makes them active learners.*
- *We use our resources effectively to ensure all learners gain new skills and knowledge.*

**Dates for the diary**

- Elm School Association children’s disco on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- We break up for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and children should return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

Dear Parents,

**School Mission Statement Consultation**

**Please let us know your views about the school’s proposed mission statement. Return the slip to the school office. Continue overleaf if necessary. Thank you.**

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