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"At Thurnham we learn to love and love to learn."

Dear Parents,

**Christmas Productions / Carol Service / Party Food**

I am again delighted to receive such lovely comments from you about our productions this year, it seems you thoroughly enjoyed them. Whilst it is my job to hear your concerns, we do appreciate it when we receive comments and praise too!

A note of thanks for all the charitable donations and the party food sent in - the children certainly enjoyed eating it all!

We had two Christmas charities this year suggested by the School Council, the NSPCC and sponsoring a child's education at a school in Uganda. As we are still collecting in monies today I will let you know the final amount in January but at the time of writing we have so far raised £1,216.40 - thank you for your generosity. Thurnham parents and children are extremely kind people.

**LAST REMINDER - School Places Applications**

Remember, you still need to complete an application form for a Y3 place at Roseacre and for a Reception place at Thurnham, the process is not automatic. You should mention that you will qualify for a sibling link / linked admission if you are prompted to give any additional information by the website. The website address is [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and the deadline is Monday 15th January.

Mrs Watson and I do together check our admission lists before offer day, as before one or two parents forgot to highlight the sibling link, or for Y3 the fact their child is currently at Thurnham.

**Merry Christmas / Happy New Year!**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of school for the children (and as long as a sleigh can find a parking place on The Landway we should have a special visitor as well). Note, school finishes at the usual time of 3:05pm. Remember the next holiday will be from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February with children returning on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Again, thank you for all your support in 2017. On behalf of the staff, governors, and the children, I would like to thank you for your continuing support to the school and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January safe, well and suitably refreshed for 2018 - I know being a parent is the hardest, yet most rewarding job in the world so do have an enjoyable festive season.

Merry Christmas,  
Mr C K James  
Headteacher