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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!

The Christmas charity this year suggested by the School Council was Demelza. We have so far raised £1028.47 - thank you for your generosity. Thurnham parents and children are extremely kind people.

Governor End Of Tenure - Mrs Moore

Sadly, Mrs Rhonda Moore will complete her tenure as a Governor as we end this term. I would like to thank Mrs Moore for her kindness, support and especially for giving generously that most precious commodity of all, her time, to help Thurnham achieve so much in many areas. Governors are often the unseen heroes in education and I always appreciate their fantastic contribution and Mrs Moore is an excellent example of this. We wish her well with her future plans.

Please note, we will be advertising for some new Governors in the spring.

Advent Market

There are still be a few costs to come out of the profit figure so I will let you know the final total next term. Again, thank you to Friends Of Thurnham for their hard work in making this a success and to everyone who spent money there.

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 and the deadline is Monday 15th January.

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

Crib Services At Holy Cross

A reminder that Holy Cross will be holding their Crib Services at the Church on Christmas Eve, with one at 2:30pm and one at 4:15pm. Although it is especially suitable for the children, all ages are welcome.

Letter Of Congratulation From Kent County Council Director Of Education

Following the recent letter of praise from Nick Gibb MP, Minister For School Standards, the Director of Education for Kent County Council, Matt Dunkley, has also sent me a letter congratulating the school on its recent performance. As said previously, whilst it is great to receive praise, the school will always look beyond results and offer a supportive and nurturing environment with exciting and engaging learning experiences across the whole curriculum. I also appreciate we have wonderfully supportive parents that help excellent teachers so much! I have placed the letter on the school website [here](#).

Merry Christmas / Happy New Year!

Wednesday 19th 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 18th February to Friday 22nd February with children returning on Monday 25th February.

Again, thank you for all your support in 2018. 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 7th January safe, well and suitably refreshed for 2019 - 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

