

"We Only Reach for The Highest"

# Worthington Primary School

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Police Presence at School this morning

I want to reassure all parents that the police officer who attended school this morning was dealing with the on-going parking problems around school. This had nothing to do with the stranger alert I recently sent to you all. From time to time, the local PCSOs or a police officer will attend school to check on illegal parking. This is because I contact them regularly in response to what I see on a daily basis.

# Year 4 Residential Visit to PGL Winmarleigh Hall

It was my great pleasure to travel to an outdoor and adventurous residential activity centre with our Year 4 children on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. We had the best of weather while we were there and the children gained so much from their two-day visit away from home.

While they were away, the children (and staff) took part in physical challenges such as climbing, archery, giant swing, challenge courses and sensory trail. In addition, on Wednesday evening we all sat round a glorious campfire singing songs and telling stories.

This is the first time we have ever taken younger children on a residential trip – having only ever taken Year 6 before now. I am delighted to say that the children behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school, their families and themselves. They seem to have gained such a lot from their visit – my thanks to parents for enabling their children to attend.

I would like to thank all the staff who attended for making the visit so rewarding for everyone – Mrs. Astell, Miss Brocklehurst, Mr Chamberlain, Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Newell.

### Run Pudsey, Run!

We won't know for certain how much has been raised by the children this week for a few more days but on my return from Winmarleigh Hall, I was met with an extremely excited Miss Grover, who informed me that together we have raised over £5,000. This is simply incredible! In addition, we have a pledge of £1,350 to add to our school total from the incredibly generous people at Arval Vehicle Leasing based at Dovecote House, Old Hall Road, Sale. The same group also donated 500 Run Pudsey Run stickers, so every child could receive a special badge.

As soon as we have a final total, I shall let you all know. In the meantime, many congratulations to all involved!

#### **Christmas Plans**

The build up to Christmas in school is always a very busy and an extremely exciting time. With only a few weeks of term left, I thought it would a good idea to give you all 'heads up' on what we have planned.

Now we are a full two-form primary school with so many more children than ever before, we have decided to stagger the performances classes put on throughout the year. This enables us to rationalise our rehearsal time and hall use, as well as maximise the contribution of all children. Already this year, we have seen Year 3 perform their Harvest Assembly (sent via Vimeo to all Year 3 parents and carers).

Over the Christmas period, our Early Years Department (Nursery and Reception classes) will perform a beautiful Christmas play with songs entitled 'A Little Nativity'. We will film this and send it to all parents with a child in this age-group before we break up.

Our Year 5 classes will be showing us just how wonderfully they can sing by performing a Carol Concert before we break up. This too will be filmed and sent to all relevant parents.

In addition to the above:

1.45 pm, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December our choir sing at Walkden Gardens (Carols Around the Dovecote).

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Fair for the children here in school during school hours – more details to follow shortly.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Years 3 and 4 visit Stockport Plaza to see the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 and 6 visit Stockport Plaza to see the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Upper Key Stage Two Drama Club performance (details to follow).

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years and Key Stage One watch a live performance of Aladdin here in school.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Staff perform Christmas pantomime for the children.

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December – Class Christmas Parties (details to follow).

2 pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School Closes for Christmas Holidays.

8.55 am Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School Reopens for Spring Term.

Yours

Mr. C. Searle