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Panto:

Our panto this year is Robin Hood 'Oh no it isn't' – yes, it really is!! We are delighted to welcome back Bitesize Theatre Company who entertain us every year with their fabulous sets, costumes and acting. The students love it. The Happy Days charity have kindly donated the money to enable us to stage the show. To get everybody into the Christmas spirit, we are asking all students to come in wearing a Christmas jumper / T-shirt and to donate £1 to the Donna Louise charity – a very supportive local charity that many of our past and present students and families have used.



Three students from school were chosen to attend the Shaw Education Trust's Key Stage Three Graduation at Keele University on Tuesday 12th



November. Nominated for their hard work, perseverance and determination, Taylor, Eleanor and Maddie, together with their parents, enjoyed a fantastic day in the Great Hall at Keele University. The ceremony was hosted by Mr Phil Harrison, one of the senior members of the Trust, who presented each of our students,

bedecked in academic gown and cap (which refused to stay on Taylor's head!!) with their scroll to recognise their achievements. Speeches were followed by a delicious afternoon tea and the opportunity to reflect on the achievements of such a wide range of students because the Shaw Education Trust (the SET) now encompasses 17 schools including special schools, big academies (Great Barr has over 1800 students) and small primaries (The Meadows)

Special Persons' Lunch:

On Tuesday, we were joined by over 25 grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles and other significant people in our children's lives. Jane and her team in the kitchen served up a magnificent roast dinner which was enjoyed by all.

thank you!

Children in Need:

A huge thank-you to everybody who donated cakes and paid to wear own clothes on Children in Need day. We all enjoyed a lovely morning break where staff and students relaxed and chatted over a drink and cake. Mrs Pritchard also organised a raffle of a huge bear. We managed to raise over £300 – well done everybody.



Reminder of Christmas Fayre:

Our Christmas Fayre takes place on Friday 13th December. Our theme is 'The Many Faces of Christmas' and classes are already starting to think about their stalls. We are collecting donations for the raffle and already have some excellent prizes including a service for your car valued at over £100. Please ask employers and generous friends whether they can boost our raffle with a donation.

We would also like donations of bottles, books, unwanted gifts, unused toiletries etc. On Thursday 5th December, students are allowed to wear their own clothes in return for a contribution of chocolate that will form the prizes for the chocolate tombola.

Please put the date in your diary and book time off work – all proceeds from the Christmas Fayre are going to be used to equip our horticulture area and to pay for our small animals and all that we need to make their life comfortable at Blackfriars.

Scholars of the week:

Elijah in Gladstone for great sportsmanship

Kieron in Dudson for his perseverance

Lorna in Spode for sulkily participating in Student Council and representing her class beautifully in the school Remembrance Service

George for showing great dignity and respect during the town Remembrance Commemoration service

Jake in Wedgwood for saying 'a' and signing 'a' during the phonics lesson

Remembrance:



This year, our school was represented by George from Gladstone Class, at the annual Newcastle under Lyme Remembrance Parade. George carried our wreath and laid it at the Cenotaph in the town centre. On Monday 11th November, our whole school gathered in the hall to show our respects. Our theme of identity

featured in the ceremony when Mrs Emmens asked students to reflect upon the fact that people may have national identities that brings them into conflict with each other, but their personal identities mean that they are someone's son or brother, daughter or mother, they may both have blue eyes or brown hair. It was a very emotional assembly culminating in wreaths being laid by representatives from all areas of school including our Academy Council, admin team, physiotherapy, nursing, VI team, our Teaching School, the teachers and TAs plus our own School Council.

Parental communication:



Parents have the opportunity to speak with school staff whenever there is an issue that is worrying them. However, there are 3 formal occasions throughout the year, an annual review, a parents' evening and the school report in the summer. Dependent upon which pathway your child is following and what year group your child is in will dictate when each is. We have the first of our Parents' Evenings on 5th Dec for Year 8, 10 and 12s – letters will follow. We will keep you posted about other forthcoming events.

5th December – Own Clothes Day – chocolate donation for tombola at Christmas Fayre

5th December - Parents' Evening for Year 8, 10 and 12 (further details to follow)

6th December – INSET day – school closed

12th December – Christmas Panto –Robin Hood and Christmas jumper day (£1 donation to Donna Louise Hospice)

13th December 1.30pm – Christmas Fayre

19th December - Christmas Lunch (even if your child usually has sandwiches, they can pay for a lunch for this day)

20th December – school closes at 1.30pm

7th January 2020 – School re-opens for students

Please note : Early closure – 1.30pm Friday 20th December

Don't forget that the school calendar is available on our website:

<http://www.blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/>