

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many families visiting school yesterday for the Winter Fair. Our Sixth Form take responsibility for organising and communicating with all classes across school in the weeks leading up to the Fair. It supports their enterprise and careers curriculum. In the meantime, each class comes up with an original (and profit making) idea for their stall. As we speak classes are counting up their tills to see how much they have made. I know that the Residential stall has made £110. This total will go to the Residential Council who will meet to decide how best to invest the money. Classes in school will also meet to decide how best to spend their profits. Sixth Form usually put their money towards the Sixth Form Prom at the end of the Summer Term. At the daily briefing this morning, staff shared the feedback many visitors left- thank you so much. The parent voice is so important to school.

As we approach the end of term a number of whole school festive events will be held. Mrs Artess, Literacy Lead, and the Parent Literacy Group have been really busy fund raising in order to provide an opportunity for pupils to access an '*Alice in Wonderland*' pantomime at The Grange School Theatre. The fund raising has been really successful and a group of pupils will have the opportunity to see the production on 11th December. A wonderful effort by Mrs Artess and the Parent Literacy Group- many thanks.

I have written previously to share with you that the Local Authority had agreed to continue with the Residential Funding Grant until August 2026. It may seem a long way away but it is important that we try and maintain a high profile of residential provision for school and its future. I know that many of you in the past, when the residential grant was up for review, made your voices heard with local Councilors to share the positive impact residential has had on your child's life. You may wish to consider contacting your local Councillor again to ask for an update on the funding beyond August 2026.

Hello from Residential

Firstly, can I thank all the parents who reported swiftly to me that the link does not work on the email sent out yesterday, I really appreciate it. Please find below a new link that now should be working.

[Parent Questionnaire – Fill in form](#)

It is really important that we continue to receive feedback, so we can continue to improve our service.

Have a lovely weekend!

Charlene and the Residential team

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend,

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Head Teacher



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