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Dear Parents/Carers,

Merry Christmas

Being headteacher here at Bury CE Primary is a huge privilege. I get to work alongside a fabulous staff team every day who always give their all to make this school the fantastic school it is for your children. I also get to spend time with your fantastic children and get the privilege of watching them grow in their time with us – from seeing some of the first goes at writing to enjoying a cup of tea whilst they read their amazing stories to me.

This morning I was lucky enough to play The Pirate Game with Buzzards and Mr Murtagh (a local villager who does volunteer with us on a Friday). The way the children interact with staff and visitors really is a privilege to witness, and better still, be part of.

Then we have yourselves, the parents. None of the above is possible without your support, sharing our vision and values for what we are trying to achieve with your children.

You clearly do not need me to tell you that financial pressures are being felt across society at present, and schools are no different. Whilst I am sure many of you will have seen the government's announcements that an additional £2.3billion is coming into schools over the next two years; it unfortunately possibly will not surprise you that this money is actually less than the increasing costs that school budgets are incurring. We are very lucky at school to have Mrs Clark who is always on the lookout for how we can better spend our funding and will never accept the first offer from a company! However, Mrs Clark can only work so much magic with the funding we have available. This is where FOBS are nothing short of miracle workers and as such, make an enormous impact on the 'extras' we can offer here at school.

5 weeks of Cake raffle raised £376 (£103 to Children in need & £273 towards next term's football coaching)

Christmas fundraising £1250 (towards library refurb)

The above is simply superb and I cannot pass on enough thanks for the contributions you have all made towards this, whether helping to set up, sell, and of course buying tickets, it all contributes towards what we can do for your children here at school.

Therefore, as ever, thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a superb Christmas and New Year. See you all on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023!

Thomas Moore,  
Headteacher