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Dear Parents/Carers, 19 December 2019

Site Security Update

A big thank you to all of you who have been locking the side gate and we appreciate that using the padlock hasn't always been straightforward.

However, we have been checking the gate throughout each day and we are finding that the gate is still unlocked on most occasions and then the lock disappeared! We have purchased a new one and instructions were sent out in a text yesterday in how to open it.

Please can I remind all parents/children to shut and lock the gate behind them and swivel the numbers so that the correct code isn't obvious. We all need to take responsibility for this.

If the situation does not improve then we may have to consider locking the gate permanently.

Greenway Christmas Fair

Thank you for all your support in making this year's fair so successful. It raised £7601.68, the Fair raising £3978, the silent auction raising £2901.50 and Elfridges raised £722.18 - a tremendous achievement. It takes a lot of time and dedication to plan such a big event and it would not have happened without the cochairs of the GSA Helen Darbyshire and Kirsty Lee. I would also like to thank the GSA Committee and the Volunteers on the day. Well done – you know who you are!

Choir & Foundation Stage Nativity

We are intensely proud of all our children's achievements and many of these were show-cased singing at St Albans Cathedral for the Hospice of St Francis service last Sunday, the Nativity and our KS2 Carol Concert. Our youngest children showed just how much they have grown in confidence this term, through their delightful singing and acting. A big thank you to the staff and especially Mrs O'Brien who works tirelessly in leading our singing. Thank you for your kind donations, we raised £212 from the collection from the KS2 Carol concert. This will be divided equally between All Saints Church and our nominated school charity: The Hospice of St Francis.

Christmas discos

The discos raised a further £277.80. Again, many thanks to the GSA committee and parent helpers who organised and ran these.

Christmas lunch

The kitchen staff prepared delicious Christmas lunches this year and it was a lovely way to round off the term. I think it was the best yet! Well done to school cook Hayley and her hard-working team. Thank you to the GSA members who helped us out with delivering Christmas crackers and pouring gravy!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all on <u>Tuesday 7 January 2019</u>

Katharine Ellwood Head Teacher