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Week 13,

We have managed to hold off the Christmas chaos for another week, but next week it will be overwhelming us. Please make sure that you have ordered your child's Christmas lunch using Parent Pay as we need to preorder the turkey.

Last week on Friday after school, we had the FOCS Christmas Fayre here at Chase Side. We had hundreds of parents and children gather together to sample the various stalls. There was The Secret Shop, Raffle, various Christmas themed games, Chocbola and of course... Father Christmas himself!!! There was also a dance performance by children from Years 3-6! Everyone who attended had a fantastic time and FOCS are pleased to announce that they raised roughly £2700 for the school! Well done to all the volunteers who made the event possible.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Nursery and Reception 'Book Looks' the children love to share all of the hard work that they have been doing, I am sure that you enjoyed it too.

On Monday the post box will be officially opened for one week only (by the house points), with the school council children being our post officers for the week. Please remember that the envelope needs the child's name and class on it.

Class Name
Name of child

As I said, next week is going to be a busy one, Year 1 and 2 have their Nativity to look forward to, tickets to the two performances went out this week, please don't lose them. Then on Friday, we have the EYFS team (nursery and Reception) having a Christmas Sing Along in the hall followed later by Year 5 and 6 performing at a Carol Service at Christ Church, we look forward to you joining us there for a prompt start at 2.00pm (all children will then return to school to be dismissed).

This week has been the last week of clubs as we have our FOCS Christmas Disco events next week, children can only go if you have prebooked a ticket, you will need to pay £3 when you collect your child.

Please keep an eye on the Countdown Calendar that has been emailed to you and is on the gates.

Unfortunately, this week we have had several near misses with children in the street before and after school, Trinity Street is not closed to traffic and it does not have a speed restriction, residents and Blue Badge holders (registered to the school) can drive up and down the street, they do do this slowly as they know that there are lots of children, but please make sure that your children are near you as especially if they are in dark colours they are difficult to see. We have also had some parents just stopping on Chaseside blocking the entrance into the street and disrupting the flow of traffic and causing chaos for other drivers.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend; enjoy whatever plans you have as we approach the end of what has been a very busy term here at Chase Side.

Stronger Together,