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Dear Parents & Carers,

A Huge Thank You for Supporting Our Winter Fair

We were absolutely thrilled with the fantastic turnout at our Winter Fair. Thank you to everyone who came along, joined in the fun, and supported the event.

A very special thank you goes to our brilliant Friends of Merry Hill (FoMH). Their dedication, creativity, and tireless behind-the-scenes work made the fair such a success. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteered their time to set up, run stalls, tidy away, and help in so many different ways.

Events like this are vital for our school, helping raise much-needed funds that enrich the children's experiences throughout the year. Thank you all for being part of it.

Creation Station

Our FoMH have not yet been able to put their feet up and have their well-earned rest, as this week included the setting up and delivery of the renowned 'Creation Station'. A much-loved tradition that involves the children creating a special gift for a loved one using resources sourced by the FoMH. The children were very excited to participate and we hope that you love the creations as much as the children loved making them. If you see any of the FoMH around school, it would be much appreciated if you could pass on your thanks to them. They really are amazing!

A Happy Face

At Merry Hill, we believe that children learn best when they feel happy, safe and respected. That is why our behaviour curriculum, *The Merry Hill Way*, is central to everything we do.

This Autumn, our focus is on instilling the *core rules*: **Ready**, **Respectful**, **Safe**. They underpin all of our behaviour expectations and are carefully taught through assemblies, PSHE lessons and daily routines.

This week we have focused on Respectful:

EYFS: We are inclusive, responsible, resilient and communicative in our classroom. **KS1:** We are inclusive, responsible, resilient and communicative in our classroom.

We are so proud of how the children live these values every day.

A Happy Face, A Learning Place, A Growing Space

A Learning Place

Year 2 Visit Ashfield

On Wednesday, Year 2 had the wonderful opportunity to watch the Year 3 performance at Ashfield. The children were inspired, entertained, and beautifully behaved, well done, Year 2! It gave our Year 2 children an insight into life at Ashfield and is one of the many steps we take to ensuring a smooth transition for our children. Thank you to Ashfield for inviting us along!

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A Growing Space

EYFS Nativity

Our youngest children truly made us proud this week. Their Nativity performances, both the dress rehearsal on Thursday and the main performance for parents and carers this morning, were simply delightful. The children sang, acted, and narrated with such confidence and joy. A huge well done to all our EYFS stars, and thank you to the families who came to support them.

We know the EYFS Nativity is a special moment for many families, often the first time you see your child performing on stage, and the children rose to the occasion brilliantly. A big thank you to the Merry Hill team for all their hard work in preparing the children and making this memorable experience possible.

Thank you once again for being part of such a warm and supportive school community. Together, we make Merry Hill the special place it is.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Ms Melissa Adams Headteacher