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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Thank you to everyone who dressed up today and brought in a donation for Children in Need. We raised £196!

With this letter you should also receive some information about how we use photographs of children in school. With Christmas plays and productions fast approaching everyone will want to be aware of our guidelines on taking photographs of children in school productions, plus parents and carers of children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes might be particularly interested in the information about the new Learning Platform which will be starting in these classes first.

The county school attendance team have let us know that they will be visiting our school area throughout this year, following up pupils who are often late or whose attendance is too low. Our school target is at least 94% attendance for pupils - if your child misses more than 11 days in the year he or she is likely to be below this level so do please be aware of any days your child isn't at school - particularly if you are intending to, or have taken time out of school for holidays.

**This Sunday!**

Headington Schools' Partnership proudly presents PEACH BOY - the adventures of Momotaro : an action-packed adventure story based on one of the most exciting Japanese folk tales and very well reviewed in the press!

The Oxfordshire Theatre Company's seasonal production is coming to Bayards Hill School THIS SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER at 4.00 pm with special rate tickets for Headington schools' families : £5 adults, £2 children/concessions, £10 family (of 4). Booking forms are in the schools; return it with payment to the school office; ask there if you did not receive one or call Lesley on 01865 428 059. Tickets will also be available on the door.

The travelling Book Fair will be visiting us in the school hall from the 30<sup>th</sup> November - a great chance to do some Christmas shopping and to support the school at the same time! Also a reminder that our Christmas Bazaar will be held in the hall after school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We would be very grateful for your donations towards the tom bola - please send any gifts into the school office.

During this term the children will continue to use outside areas for PE as much as possible, especially since the hall is being used a lot for rehearsals of Christmas productions! Please do make sure your child has warm clothes for outdoor PE - a school sweatshirt is fine, along with jogging bottoms if possible.

Advance notice that due to a change in county recommendations we need to include an extra staff training day this school year, so that we can take part in some important health and safety training. School will therefore be closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010. Apologies for any inconvenience.

With best wishes

Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School.

