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To all Parents/Carers,

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The festive spirit is in full swing at Markeaton and the time has finally come to switch on the lights in the main corridor.

Unfortunately, we were not able to secure the services of a previous X-Factor finalist to switch them on so our Site Manager, Mr Shelton, had the honourable duty on this occasion! Either way they look great!

In case you hadn't already heard, our Christmas Fair is tomorrow afternoon and it promises to be a fantastic occasion! The forecast is cold and wet though so make sure you wrap up warm and spend your hard earned money on a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.



I'd also like to take this opportunity to say Happy Hanukkah, the festival of light, which runs until the 13th December.

In other news, we had a nice letter through the post at the beginning of the week from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP. He congratulated us on our 95% Y1 phonics scores last summer and all the hard work that had gone into them; not least from the children. However, what was particularly pleasing was a response on Twitter which said:

"Well done! - great to be achieving at this level while also creating a really caring and fun environment. Know this comes from hard work and good attitudes - so thank you."

This is exactly what we are trying to achieve at Markeaton – high academic standards within a nurturing and creative environment. Academic results are not sought at all costs and the children experience a well-rounded curriculum which helps them to explore their potential and hopefully sets them up for life.

And finally, we have now been informed about the closing proceedings of Derbyshire Library Service on Kedleston Road. All of the items are currently being sent back into schools and we are doing our best to obtain the artefacts that we have used over the years to support our topics. It is pretty sad to see such an empty building with all of the resources heading out of the door but we are doing the best we can to keep things going in school. As you can imagine, we are not the only school in this position but being just across the road does make things a bit easier when it comes to transporting stock!

Hopefully see you tomorrow and have a great weekend,

Mr I. Johnson