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KEY STAGE 1 Performance.

Dear Parents,

Last week the children in Key Stage 1 performed 'Baubles,' a Christmas Performance for family to come and see. The children and staff had put in a huge amount of work into these performances and were excited to perform for their family and friends.

Unfortunately the behaviour of some parents./ carers has tainted this experience. The behavior of some parents made the environment unsafe for the children performing and staff supervising by insisting on being that close to the stage that it was potentially dangerous and ignoring staff direction to move back. Being so close to the children was also a very intimidating experience for them.

In addition, a significant number of parents turned up late for both performances. It is unfair to disrupt children once the performance has started and as such the office staff were not letting late parents enter the hall. It is completely inappropriate that the office staff were verbally abused, shouted at and sworn at, because parents had turned up late. All adults knew the time the show was starting and it was their responsibility to make sure that they arrived on time. All staff at Boarshaw Primary have a right to come to work and not be abused, if parents continue to be verbally abusive and aggressive towards office staff then they will be banned from the premises.

Unfortunately, the behaviour of a small number of parents means that the future of performances at Boarshaw is now in danger, if I believe an event has the potential to make children and staff unsafe then I will not allow them to proceed. The experience from last week and people's refusal to follow instructions from staff to move away from the front, not block fire exits etc is of grave concern and behaviours that can not continue.

What should have been a happy joyous event has sadly been spoilt. If I decide that performances can be held in the future, I hope all parents will remember to be respectful to staff, pupils and fellow parents.

Yours sincerely

Jackie Harland

Head Teacher