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Dear Parents,

Christmas Dates

December is here, so here are a few important dates for your diary.

Winter Wonderland Adventure

We were planning this year's adventure in the woods on Thursday but the awful weather forecast has led us to change this to tomorrow, Tuesday December 5th. It looks like we may have some winter sunshine and the temperatures will be higher than the last few days. This is perfect weather for adventures!

Our plan for the day is as follows:

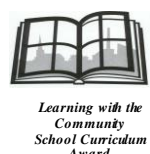
- We will have a normal start to the day
- After snack, we will get ready and walk to the woods above school.
- When we arrive, we will enjoy fun activities, including den making, stories and other exciting creative activities
- We will have lunch around the camp fire, with sausage in a bap, a jacket potato, carrot and cucumber, followed by traybake and hot chocolate. If you haven't already done so, please order your child's meal tonight. If your child is having packed lunch, please send this with them. We will take water bottles with us, so no one needs a drink.
- After lunch, we will have a play, complete another activity and go for a walk through to the woods, to look for signs of Christmas (we hope Santa may come along)
- We will walk back down to school before the end of the school day and you can collect your child from school as usual.

This is a very magical, fun day and we know we will all have a great time. Please make sure your child has enough warm, waterproof clothes, including a hat, scarf and gloves and waterproof wellies\boots. Old clothes are best as we will get messy! Children in Year Nursery, Reception and 1 will be able to put our waterproof dungarees and jacket over their home clothes. This will keep them nice and warm. We have a few spare pairs of over trousers, but please send your child with over trousers if you have them. We will all need waterproof trousers too.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is on Wednesday December 13th. Most children enjoy Christmas dinner which we all have in the school hall. We put up lights and make our own decorated table cloths. We all make party hats, older children write jokes and we all sit together to eat, served by our school staff. Please remember to book this on Lunch Shop. You can do this even if your child doesn't usually have school dinner. Alternatively, you can send your child in with a packed lunch.

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Christmas Post

Our Christmas post box is now in place, so if your child would like to send some cards to their friends, they can post them in our post box. All children have a turn to sort and deliver the post. Please check your child's book bag for cards too.

Christmas Play

Our play is on Friday December 15th. We have two performances, one in the morning at 9.30am. This is the quieter performance. The second fuller performance is at 6.30pm. Children need to arrive for the evening performance between 6pm and 6.10pm. You can drop your child at the Garden Room entrance and then walk round to the hall to find a seat for the play.

We are supplying as much of the costumes as possible, so please don't go out and spend money unnecessarily. You will just need to provide undergarments. The cast list and costume sheet is attached.

On Monday December 18th an NHS nurse will visit to measure height and weight of children in Year Reception and 6. This is a government requirement.

Last Day of Term

We finish at 1.30pm on Tuesday December 19th, so please arrange to collect your child from school at this time. There will be no after school club on this day.

Miss Holmes starts her maternity leave in the holidays. We will miss her but will be sure to let you know as soon as baby arrives in January.

On the last morning of term, we would like to invite you stay for mince pies, shortbread etc and a nice cup of tea or coffee. You can have a look at all the amazing cards we've been making and a catch up with people before the festive season begins. We are all very excited in school!

Yours sincerely,

Helen Hepworth

Head teacher

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