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Dear Parent\Carers,

Just a few organisational things for this busy time of year.

Christmas Play

Thank you to all the people who have brought costumes into school already. Please can any remaining costumes be sent in tomorrow so that we can all have a try on!

Readings at the Old School Hall

We also need to be organised for Wednesday night at the Old School Hall. A lot of children expressed an interest and we have had responses from a number of parents. If your child would like to come along and you haven't yet confirmed this, please let us know by email or in the morning. Thank you.

Woodland Adventure

Just a reminder that the Winter Woodland Adventure is next Monday. Please make sure that your child is well wrapped up in warm clothes, with waterproof over trousers and jacket and wellies/waterproof boots. We have over trousers we can lend out but please let us know in advance so that we can be sure we have enough! Children will also need a hat, scarf and gloves. Please name all items so we can reunite lost items with their owners. Names gloves etc makes such a big difference.

Lunch will be in the woods. We will have a campfire. Anne will make sausage in a bap, (vegetarian and vegan options available), with jacket potato, carrot and cucumber batons, a tray bake and hot chocolate. Children do NOT need to bring a drink as we will be taking water bottles with us. If your child is having packed lunch please put it in a suitable waterproof bag, which you won't mind getting a bit muddy!

It is always such a wonderful day for us all. We will go unless the weather is very bad. If this is the case we will try to go on Tuesday instead of Monday.

Books

Sadly, we have had a couple of instances of books coming back to school wet or damaged. Please can we ask that care is taken with books and book bags.

End of Term

We finish next Friday at 2pm and wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

Dates for 2020

We return to school on Tuesday January 7th. Staff training will take place on Monday January 6th.

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On the Tuesday January 7th when we come back we have a treat as Nat is returning with a day of wheelchair basketball. He visited last year, bringing enough wheelchairs for a year group and we all had the opportunity to have a go (staff too ~ it was so much fun!) Please bring PE kit back to school first day back. (Also, we will send any dodgy-looking or outgrown indoor shoes home at the end of term so you know to replace them if needed.) The cost of this event will be covered by our PE and School Sport Premium fund.

On Wednesday January 8th we have organised a maths information event for parents and carers. This will take place after school. We will provide information about how we teach maths and show you what the expectations are for all age ranges. We will also answer questions and give hints and tips for how you can help your child at home. We will be available between 3.30 and 5.30pm, running sessions between 3.30pm and 4.30pm and repeating them from 4.30 to 5.30pm for people who need a later session. Pop the date in your diary!

Hockey

On Thursday January 9th hockey coaching will begin for children in Years 2, 3 and 4 and 5. This coaching is provided by Eden Valley School Sports Partnership, of which we are a member. It is essential your child has their full PE kit (as required for all children in school). This includes jogging pants/tracksuit bottom and a sweatshirt/fleecy and a pair of trainers. This equipment needs to be named and kept in your child's PE bag in school. They will also need a hat and gloves as the weather will be cold. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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