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Dear Parents,

Christmas Events

We are now into the second half of term and we are as busy as usual in the run up to Christmas (which will soon be upon us). With this in mind, I thought you would like a list of up-coming events for the rest of term.

Christmas Fair – Friday 29th November

This will be held in school from 3.30-5.30pm on **Friday 29th November**. Everybody is welcome – please bring your family and friends along to support this event. The Friends of Birdsedge are looking for donations of prizes for the Tombola, bottles of wine or other alcohol for the Bottle Stall and lots of volunteers to help set up, man stalls and clear up afterwards. If you are able to help at all please contact the office. (A separate letter has already been sent to you from the FoB.)

Christingle Service – Thursday 12th December

Our Christingle Service will be on **Thursday 12th December at 9.15am** at Birdsedge Chapel. The service will last approximately 30 minutes and you are very welcome to join us. The children in Class 2 will be making the Christingles at a workshop with Pat and Tom Wood on Wednesday 11th December, learning the meaning of each part of the Christingle.

Trip to the Pantomime and Picnic Lunch – Tuesday 10th December

On **Tuesday 10th December**, the whole school will be going to the Lamproom Theatre, Barnsley to see “**Mother Goose**”. The cost is £12.50 per child and is payable via ParentPay please. In previous years, the Friends of Birdsedge have generously paid for the coach hire which this year is again included in the price of the ticket. This means that more of the money raised at FoB events can be spent improving your children’s learning in school.

We do appreciate that some families find it difficult to contribute towards the cost of visits. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss how we can help.

We will be leaving school at **9.00am prompt** and returning at lunchtime. Lunch will be in the form of a packed “Picnic Lunch” with a choice of sandwich fillings (ham, egg, cheese, tuna or jam) which the children will be asked to choose in advance to enable the kitchen to order.

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Christmas Productions – Monday 16th December

This year Class 1 will be performing “Hey Ewe!” and Classes 2 and 3 will perform “ The Stars Come Out For Christmas”. Rehearsals will soon be starting and a list of costume requirements will be coming out to you in the near future – please let us know *as soon as possible* if you have any difficulties providing a costume for your child.

There will be two “whole school” performances, both on Monday 16th December - the first at **1.30pm** in the afternoon and the second at **6.30pm** in the evening.

Due to Health and Safety Regulations, our audience size is restricted and although tickets are **limited to a total of two per family** reasonable requests for extra tickets for grandparents, siblings etc. will be considered, subject to availability. Please bear in mind that whilst it is *usually* possible to accommodate extra requests for the afternoon performance, the evening is more difficult.

Due to safeguarding guidance and constraints, we would ask that you do not take photographs during the performances. There will be an opportunity to take a photograph of the cast in their costumes at the end of each play. The evening performance will be recorded by TDV Video Services and the DVD will be available to order and pay for via Parentpay for delivery before the end of term priced £11.50.

Christmas Party and Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18th December

On **Wednesday 18th December** we will be having our traditional Christmas lunch of turkey followed by Christmas pudding or “Santa’s Surprise” (e.g. chocolate muffin). The children can bring clothes to change into after lunch for the Christmas party in the afternoon and we hope that Santa will be paying a visit to each classroom, provided of course that the children have been behaving!

Christmas “Sing-along”- Thursday 19th December

On **Thursday 19th December** we will end the term with a Christmas sing-along for parents, grandparents and the local community. There will be a mixture of traditional and new festive songs and we hope that you’ll be able to join us. The event will start at 2.45pm and will be ‘standing room’ only but we will have a few seats available for elderly/disabled persons.

Please read the attached sheet carefully, completing and returning it to the school office as soon as possible.

School will close for the Christmas Holidays at **3.30pm on Thursday 19th December** and will reopen on **Monday 6th January, 2020**.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Debra Knowles
Headteacher

Please return this sheet WHOLE - do not separate the slips!!!

Child/children

Pantomime Trip – Tuesday 10th December

- I give/do not give* permission for my child/ren to go to the Lamproom Theatre, Barnsley.
- I understand that payment of £12.50 per child is payable via Parentpay.

*(Please delete as applicable)

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Each **family** is allocated 2 tickets (**in total, NOT** per performance). (**Reasonable** Requests for extra tickets will be considered - subject to availability.)

- 1.30pm Ticket/s (Extra..... *If possible*)
- **OR**
- 6.30pm Ticket/s (Extra *If possible*)
- Tickets **will** be collected on entry.

Signed Parent / Carer