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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are fast approaching the end of term, I just wanted to send an update and share with you all the exciting events we have planned for the children.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening this week, if you didn't manage to make an appointment, please arrange this with the teacher or contact the school office. It is really important that we talk to you about your child's education. If you haven't already, please make sure you complete our online questionnaire regarding your child's progress. <https://forms.gle/WxVNsmDhtWPSg8F9A>

Divine Days Award Winners - Education Leader of the Year

Last night we attended the Divine Days Community Awards, and we were delighted to find out that we won an award. Thank you to everyone who voted.

'This award recognises an inspirational leader who brings a clear vision of what they want to achieve. One who has made significant contributions to improve the outcomes for children and young people, and who motivates, encourages, and supports both staff, children, and young people to be happy, thrive and reach their full potential.'

'Well done' to you all. I couldn't do my job without the fabulous staff, governors, parents and children that I work with. I feel like over the past year, we have learned so much about supporting children with additional needs. We have all grown and this has allowed us to provide a first-class experience for our children. Under Mrs Beevers passion and guidance, our SEND provision is now diverse. Our main strength is that we care about the children and want to make a difference.

No Pen Day – Wednesday 29th November

Next week, Mrs Beevers has planned a 'No Pen Day' for all the classes. This annual event is an initiative ran by the charity **Speech and Language UK** <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/> You can read all about the charity on the website and the information sheet attached. We would be extremely grateful if your child could bring in a **small contribution (£1)** and the money raised will go to the charity.

We are asking that children bring in a **special item or a photograph** that they would like to talk about during a "Show and Tell" session. This initiative is to provide children with an opportunity to talk about something which is special to them. This will be the main focus of the day.

All lessons will be 'Pen Free' on this day. Children will learn through speaking and listening, drama, Makaton, singing, art, dance and computing. They will develop their listening, attention, speaking and communication skills. We look forward to sharing the learning with you.

Parent Governor Election – Deadline Monday 4th December by 9am

Attached is a letter regarding a vacant position we have for a parent governor on our school governing board. I would encourage you to take a look and if you would like to be included, please get in touch.

Little Red Riding Hood – Staff Panto

The children were told in assembly this morning that we are planning to hold a staff panto (there is no backing out now!) The pantomime is Little Red Riding Hood with a few twists. The performances will be on Monday 18th

December and Tuesday 19th December at 6pm. As tickets are limited, please could we ask that only BVPS children attend, if there is availability, we will open the ticket sales to all. Tickets will go on sale at 5pm today <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CXOT>



Media Centre

We are now in a position to progress to the next stage of our media centre project. Before the end of term, we will have received delivery of the new equipment for the media room, Hall AV equipment and creation of the video wall. It is very exciting, and we can't wait to start sharing the children's creations with you.

Other Important Dates

- Wednesday 6th December – Year 6 Liverpool Class Trip
- Wednesday 6th December – Year 5 Singing at the 'Old Peoples Club'
- Wednesday 13th December – PTFA Winter Disco (own clothes day; infants to come in party/disco clothes)
- Friday 15th December – 9:15am - Infant Nativity – St. John's Church
- Friday 15th December – Year 3 Singing outside St. John's Church
- Monday 18th December – Jolly Jumper Day (non-school uniform)
- Monday 18th December – 3pm - Year 4 singing outside school
- Monday 18th December – 6pm – Little Red Riding Hood
- Tuesday 19th December – 6pm – Little Red Riding Hood
- Tuesday 19th December – 11am – Year 5 singing at Tesco's
- Wednesday 20th December – 9:15am - Nursery Singing with Santa
- Wednesday 20th December – 11am – Year 6 singing at Stocks Hall Care Home
- Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 21st December – Party Day (own clothes, please bring a plate of party food to eat in the afternoon)
- Friday 22nd December – 2:30pm Finish – Last Day of Term (no afterschool club) Toy Day (no electronics)

Food Bank Donations

Finally, as we are approaching the Christmas period, I know many of our families are feeling the effects of the increase of cost of living. We would ask you to consider a donation for our local food bank. The food bank is currently appealing for essential food items. We will have boxes in the front of school and deliver the donations on Wednesday 20th December. We hope you can support BVPS community with this.

We are really excited about our plans for the coming weeks, we look forward to seeing you in school.

Kind regards,

Miss Smith, Headteacher