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Dear Parents,

Christmas Festivities!

Christmas is coming! The time has arrived for our festivities to begin! Please read this letter carefully as it will give you details of all the events coming up during the last week of term leading up to Christmas.

Christmas Nativities – EYFS and KS1

It wouldn't be Christmas without a nativity...or two! We are excited to be inviting you in to school to watch our Seedlings, Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativities. All of the children are already working hard & will be continuing to practise over the coming weeks.

Performance Dates:

Seedlings

Friday 8th December 1.45pm

EYFS

Monday 18th December 10am and 2pm

KS1

Wednesday 13th December 2pm and 5pm.

Keep an eye out for a letter with additional information regarding nativities & ticket allocation.

Christmas Safari, Christmas Parties and Christmas Dinner – Whole School

The children may come to school in their party clothes on **Tuesday 19th December**, if they wish to, as we have a day planned full of Christmas fun! In the morning, children will go with their class to embark on a 'Christmas Safari' where they will complete Christmas themed activities. After this, children will have their delicious Christmas dinner (for those who have booked one). If your child has packed lunch, you may like to give them a special Christmas party lunch on that day and they may choose to decorate their lunch box. In the afternoon there will be class parties.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please order it as soon as possible (and by midnight on **Friday 1st December** at the latest) using the online ordering system at parentpay.com. Thanks to Forest Friends again too for providing crackers for the children this year!

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 15th December** we are inviting children to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of a school jumper. Please ensure children are still wearing normal school shirts, trousers, skirt etc. Donations can be made through ParentPay to be passed on to the charity 'Save the Children.' Please look out for the payment item on your child's ParentPay accounts from 11th December.

Church Service Led by Middle School

Middle school (year 3 and 4) will lead a service at **St Michael's Church** on **Thursday 14th December at 2:15pm**. Parents are invited to join for this service. A separate letter will be sent to Middle School parent's regarding pick up. **Please note the location for this service has changed from St Andrew's to St Michael's Church in town near the Post Office.**

Carols By Candlelight – A Christmas Celebration!

We will be ending our term with a celebration of Christmas with a Carols by Candlelight service on Wednesday **20th December at 9.15am**. We can only accommodate 60 adults in the hall for the Christmas Service. Therefore, we will send out a google form link for parents to sign up to. The link will be sent via email at **7pm** on **Friday 24th November**. Initially, we will only be able to allocate one ticket per family. Once our limit of 60 is reached, paper tickets will be sent out from the office to those who were successful and an email to those who were unsuccessful.

Carols Around the Tree

On **Friday 15th December** we are inviting parents to come onto the playground at **2:30pm** to join everyone to sing Christmas Carols around the Christmas tree. We will ask parents to enter via the side gate by the hall and we will congregate on the Playpod Playground. This is a new event for this year and we are excited to be able to sing alongside parents.

Advent Reflections

We will soon be entering the period of Advent. We would, once again, like to recognise this important time in the Christian calendar by holding Advent Reflections. At this time of year, it is important for us all to take a moment and think about how important this time of year is.

The children in Prayer Council will lead each of the reflections. The reflections will have a different format to class assemblies and performances. The Advent Reflections are a time for the children, parents and staff to come together to quietly reflect and think about the key messages and values in the preparation for Christmas.

Advent reflections 2:45pm

- 1- 6th Dec – Apple, Elm, Sycamore, Cedar, Elder
- 2- 7th Dec – Cherry, Ash, Rowan, Maple, Beech
- 3- 8th Dec – Pear, Birch, Chestnut, Hazel, Pine

We welcome all parents to our Advent Reflections even if you do not have a child involved. We kindly ask during these special times that you join in with us by sitting on the floor as we gather together around the focal area and uphold moments of reflection. If you would like to join us for one or all of our advent Reflections please come along on the above dates and times. It will not be necessary for you to let the office know that you would like to come.

Pick up arrangements on the final day of term

As always, we will be finishing earlier on our last day of term for the Christmas holidays. **Pick up time for children will be 1pm and Acorns after School Club will run until 3pm.**

I think this sums up our Christmas festivity plans.

We look forward to seeing the children back for the start of Term 3 on **Thursday 4th January**.

Thank you all for your continued support and patience during this time.

Yours sincerely

Scott James
Headteacher

