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I do hope you took the opportunity to come and watch our performance of "High School Musical". It was a fantastic production and I would like to thank all of the staff and pupils involved. We look forward to our next production!

The FOM Christmas Fayre is due to take place on Friday 13th December between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. All members of our community are welcome to attend, and we would be grateful if you would help us promote this event by downloading a copy of the flyer [here](#) and distribute via your networks.

Please be aware that during the final week of this term, all pupils will be invited to have a traditional Christmas Dinner, served in our Main Hall. We will adjust the timings of the school day to accommodate this event. More details can be found [here](#).

We are planning to send home your child's progress report before the Christmas break via their tutor or class teacher.

The last day of this term is Friday 20th December. Please note that school will close early to all pupils at 1.35pm. **There will be no extra-curricular activities or teatime club on this day.**

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the key dates for Autumn 2. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)

Year 11 have finally completed the last of their mock exams as Art, Textiles and Photography finished this week. Well done to all. The pupils will be getting a full copy of their mock results on Friday 17th January 2020 at 2.30pm. Please do mark this date on your calendars and ask your children about them when they come home.

Over the Christmas holiday it is really important that both Years 10 and 11 are revising- Year 11 ready for their GCSE's in the summer and Year 10 for their Mayfield's in January. They know how to put together a suitable revision timetable and have been taught the skills of revision and information on this is available on our website [here](#). If you have any questions about supporting your child with their revision, then please contact their tutor in the first instance. A full list of tutors is on our website [here](#).

Internet safety is always high on our list of priorities for our pupils. As parents please check your children's phones and other devices and ask them who they are communicating with. There is too often a sad story in the press about young people who are groomed unfortunately resulting in sad consequences. Regularly checking apps and messages- including contacts on Xbox and PlayStation is so important- if your child doesn't know the person in real life then please think very carefully about why they know them virtually. If you have any concerns and would like us to support you then the best person to contact initially would be Mrs John on john@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk who will then deal with your query or pass it to the most appropriate person.

If you are able to join us on Thursday 12th December any time between 5pm and 7pm for our Arts Cafe in the Main Hall we would love to see you. You will be able to appreciate some of our Senior artwork, hear some of our talented musicians and see some of our talented drama students in action. It promises to be a fabulous evening.

Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)

This week, we have been busy preparing for the various performances that are coming up in the lead up to Christmas. On Monday 9th December, Year 4 will be showing their Topic Outcome Assembly to the Primary children in the morning before performing again to parents in the Main Hall with a 2.30pm start.

On Wednesday 11th December, Year 1 and 2 will be holding their Christingle Assembly in the Main Hall with a 2.30pm start. This week's Infant Section assemblies have focused on Advent and what the Christingle stands for. The children have been learning some traditional Carols and more contemporary Christmas songs to share with the parents next week.

On Thursday 12th December, we have the Year R Nativity Play with two separate performances at 9.30am and 2.30pm. The children have been learning all of the songs and actions to recreate the magic of the Nativity story and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. All of these performances promise to be a real treat and tickets are still available via the online booking system. I hope that you will be able to join us!

The Booking System for the Spring 1 Extra-Curricular Clubs opens next week at the following times:

- Year R – 6pm on Monday 9th December
- Year 1 and 2 – 6pm on Tuesday 10th December
- Year 3, 4 and 5 – 6pm on Wednesday 11th December

As ever, Mrs Guy and the team have put on a tremendous range of activities with something to appeal to new tastes. We have some new activities starting next half-term such as Superhero Writers for Year R and Baton Twirling for Year 4 and 5. The booking system closes at midday on Monday 16th December and no bookings will be accepted after this date.

We have been running our normal programme of admissions tour for places in Year R and Year 3 in September 2020. These tours have been very popular, so we have some additional tour dates right through the closing date for admissions applications on 15th January 2020. Please email admissions@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk if you would like to book onto one of these tours.

We will be joining in with the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal again this year, but we are doing things slightly differently. On Friday 13th December, we will be holding a Christmas jumper collection when we will gratefully receive donations of any Christmas jumpers from previous years that your child has grown out of. Children will then be allowed to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer on the day of their Christmas Dinner in the final week of term. The days for the dinners are:

Monday 16th December – Endeavour House
Tuesday 17th December – Intrepid House
Wednesday 18th December – Discovery House
Thursday 19th December – Victory House
Friday 20th December – Year R

Hopefully, we will have a good collection of Christmas jumpers that children can borrow for the day if they don't have one of their own. There is no need to pay a donation to wear the Christmas jumpers to school. We will be doing a collection at the end of each performance next week with half of the money going to Save the Children and the other half being used to buy equipment and props to develop the Performing Arts at Mayfield.

Finally, we have some staffing changes coming up after the Christmas holidays. We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Hall and Mrs Jonkers from their maternity leave. Mrs Hall will be joining the Year 2 team, while Mrs Yonkers will be joining Year R. More details about these changes can be found [here](#).

Letters sent home this week can be found [here](#):

Primary staff changes January 2020

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

On Tuesday, we have the Sunbeams Nativity in Mayfield Main Hall. The performance should start at 10.30am. Refreshments will be available until the performance begins. Don't forget to get your tickets, all family and friends are welcome.

The Christmas dinner will be on the 20th December which is the last day of term. We will be having Christmas dinner with Year R in the Main Hall.

The topic will continue with the theme 'Christmas'. In class we will be writing letters to Santa and talking about their experiences of Santa leaving gifts under the Christmas tree.

Learning intentions linked to class topic:

- Explore ideas around the theme of giving and sharing;
- Make Christmas decorations using a variety of media;
- Create Christmas cards;
- Christmas counting and shapes.