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Dear parents and carers,

This week, I would like to update you on the following:

Nativities

Firstly, I must begin by sharing what a pleasure it was to see the Early Years and KS1 nativities this week. I am sure that all those of you who saw the performances will agree that they were an absolute joy to watch. We are so proud of the children; they performed beautifully and with such enthusiasm, so a huge well done to them all! I would also like to extend my thanks to all the staff who have been working so hard to put these nativities together, as well as to you all for your ongoing support of the school.

Upcoming events

Our year 4, 5 and 6 children will be performing their nativity next week. This has been scheduled for 10am on Thursday 14th December. This morning, for our KS1 nativity, we had an unprecedented number of parents and family members come to see the children perform. Therefore, for the upcoming KS2 nativity, we have decided to add in a repeat performance at 2:30pm on Thursday 14th December to try to manage the number of people in the audience.

In order to try to manage numbers fairly, we would like to ask that parents from each of the following classes come to the specified time slot, wherever possible. We recognise that some of you may have booked time off work to come to the original 10am performance, so if this is the only time that you are able to attend, then this is of course fine. However, if you have been allocated the new suggested time slot, and are able to be flexible, then we would be very grateful.

Therefore, the timings for the performance are:

Thursday 14th December, at 10am: Parents and carers of children in Aspen, Palm and Willow classes

Thursday 14th December, at 2:30pm: Parents and carers of children of children in Spruce, Cherry and Cypress classes

This is a reminder of any other events happening before the end of term:

Friday 15th December: School Christmas lunch, for all pupils. Please note that pupils will be allowed to wear Christmas jumpers for this occasion, but they must wear school trousers or a school skirt, with appropriate black footwear as normal.

Tuesday 19th December: Project assembly for children in years 1 – 6. Please do continue to support your child with their half termly homework project, so that these can be shared and celebrated in front of the whole school.

Wednesday 20th December: 2pm finish for all pupils. Please note that there will be no after school provision on this date.

Carol concert

Another wonderful Christmas event many of us enjoyed this week was our carol concert on Thursday afternoon. It was a delight to see so many of our pupils be so courageous and perform to a large audience, and to see the range of incredible musical talent we have in the school.

I would like to thank Mr. Griffiths for leading on organising this event, Clare Cochrane for leading on the piano so wonderfully, and the PTA for their support and for arranging the refreshments for the event.

Access to the school reception

Please note that our school office is open, and staffed, between 7:30am and 4pm. Some after school clubs finish after these hours. Once the school office closes, we must ask all parents and carers to wait outside to collect their children from a club. This is because, if parents are inside the foyer, we must have a member of staff present in the office to ensure that we know exactly who is accessing the building. This is part of our safeguarding procedures, and they still apply after school, when children are still on site. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

Nuts in school

This is a reminder, please, that we are a nut free school and that no children should be bringing in any nuts or products containing nuts. We have a number of children with nut allergies, and this policy is in place to keep all our pupils safe.

Dogs at the gate

I would like to reiterate that no dogs are permitted anywhere on the school site, including at the school gate. We still are seeing some instances of dogs being tied at the school gate, and this presents a safety risk to our children and families, so we please ask that all parents comply with this rule at all times.

Best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School