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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### This week

Year 1 walked down to church on Wednesday and Father Andrew discussed Advent and Christmas. Mrs Day was so proud of the children's excellent behaviour and super questions. It was lovely for some of the children to be in church again and well done to Year 1.

We were so proud of all the pupils who took part in the concert filming on Tuesday. The schedule was very busy but because they were so well prepared and behaved it all went very smoothly. The film is now being edited and we will be sharing the link with all families next week. Whilst it will never be the same as you being able to join us in the hall for a concert, having a professional company produce the film has enabled us to do the next best option. The production of the film is not cheap but due to the financial pressures on families, we are not charging. The PTA have contributed some of the cost and I would be grateful if families contribute to Save the Children and The Big Wrap instead. Please note, on this occasion we will not be putting the film on the website or Twitter and request that no one shares the film on any social media platform. Look out for the link next week!



Congratulations to a number of pupils in Year 6 who took part in a recent competition to devise a recipe using at least 3 fairtrade products. A special mention to Dominic who actually won the under 11s competition. Llongyfarchiadau Dom!

The children (and staff) all looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers today and I thank you for your donations to Save the Children. We will leave the payment for this on ParentPay. We are very grateful for all Big Wrap donations this week. If you would still like to contribute, feel free to bring in items on Monday as we will be taking the donations to the Big Wrap on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Parties

The children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on their relevant day but please ensure they are dressed appropriately for playtimes etc. – especially footwear and coats. School will provide a few treats (dietary needs will be catered for).

**Monday – Nursery to Year 2 Parties** (Year 2 Well-being day will be moved to Tuesday)

**Tuesday – Year 3 to Year 6** (Year 3 well-being day has moved to Monday)

All other well-being days will be on the usual days.

## Christmas Dinner Days

### Wednesday

- Reception to Year 2 – Christmas Lunch
- Y3 to Y6 will **not** be able to have a hot lunch but can still order baguettes including sausage baguettes.

### Thursday

- Year 3 to Year 6 - Christmas Lunch (ham, cheese or tuna baguettes also available)
- Reception to Year 2 will **not** be able to have a hot lunch but can order a sausage baguette (soft roll).

## Message from the PTA (Repeated message)

Christmas raffle tickets have now come home. There are lots of prizes to be won in time for Christmas which have been donated from our local business community and virtual Christmas market stall holders. All the proceeds raised will go towards our fundraising for 'The Great Outdoors', improving the school's outdoor learning areas, purchasing of equipment and fun activities for our pupils. Monday morning is deadline for tickets to be returned.

## INSET days (Repeated Message)

We have a 6<sup>th</sup> INSET day for Curriculum Development which will be taking place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. As a result, we will not have an INSET day on Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June as this would mean a very disjointed week.

Therefore the INSET days are now confirmed as:

- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Weds 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## Upcoming dates

**15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner – Reception to Year 2

**16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner – Year 3 to Year 6

**17<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> and Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** – INSET days.

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – School starts for pupils

We lit 2 more candles on our advent wreath this week. The second candle which was lit in churches last Sunday represents Peace – signifying the inner peace we experience through our relationship with God. The third candle which will be lit in churches this coming Sunday is sometimes called the 'Shepherd's candle' and represents Joy – the joy we experience through Jesus' arrival.

This week, my Headteacher awards go to Sarah in Year 4 for her brilliant poem on compassion and to Devon in Year 6 for always demonstrating kindness and concern to others. Diolch yn fawr!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett  
Headteacher

