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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another  
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

School is getting ready for the Christmas productions and rehearsals are well under way. It is an exciting time of year for the children so please ensure they attend every day and on time. Missing any school time cannot be made up so as previously mentioned, please try and make medical appointments out of school hours. I appreciate that there has been a lot of illness over the past two weeks so I hope that all children are starting to get better.



### PTA Christmas Fair

This will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The fair will begin at 3.45pm and we ask that parents remain outside the school gates, collect the children as normal and then we will open the door by the dining room to allow parents to come in. This is for safety reasons so we can ensure all children are handed over and collected safely.

Cakes are wanted for the cake sale at the fair. Please send in your donations on Thursday. Plea for more tombola and Christmas hamper items. Please send in these in Friday morning. Great stalls and a chance to buy your Christmas presents! Please come along and support this event.

Clubs- Please note that Zumba will NOT be on this week but will have an extra one next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Running will still be on and children must be collected at 4.30pm as normal and can then be taken in to the school fair. **On this occasion please collect your child from the office and not the dining room.**

I would like to say thank you to our wonderful PTA on behalf of all the children and staff who really do appreciate the time our PTA volunteers give and the purchases they have funded to ensure our children have the resources they need.

Regrettably, I am unable to attend the Christmas Fair due to attending a funeral following a family bereavement, but all the staff will be in attendance to support our PTA and I look forward to seeing the photographs.



## PTA

Thank you to the PTA for helping to raise funds for the EYFS outside canopy. As you can see it has proved useful. Once again your donations have helped school to buy items for the children.



## Music Concert



Our Music Concert will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome.

## Mad Science Club

Currently the club is undersubscribed, so without enough children the club will not go ahead. Mad Science are offering a new payment option where parents can secure a place for £10 and pay the rest in two instalments closer to the course date. We are hoping this helps with parents who are interested as we realise it's an expensive time of year.

<http://afterschool.madsciencenw.com/>.

## Clubs

All clubs except running and Zumba have finished this week. French club will have its presentation on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The new timetable for clubs will be emailed soon and put on parent pay to sign up.

The Spring term is a 5 week course (except running which will be 10 weeks). KS2 will have their turn at football.

We have tried to split the clubs equally but as you can appreciate we cannot accommodate every parent/child. Sunflowers afterschool club is available for childcare but we ask that children only attend the school clubs if they wish them to take part in the sport or activity. Please do not use this as a child care facility as some of the children are not wanting to take part in the activity and this is causing the children to be upset.

## School Pantomime

The children will be visiting the Grand on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December to see Beauty and the Beast. Letters will be sent home with the consent slip attached. Please send this back in straight away as without this, children will not be able to attend. The facility to pay is on parent pay but we can accept the correct amount of cash or Cheques made payable to LCC.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with walking to and from the pantomime and you would also be welcome to stay and watch if you wish. You would need to be allocated to accompany a class in which you do not have a child, as part of the risk assessment requirements. If you are available and willing to help, please let Mrs Wilkinson know.



## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non Uniform - Secret Santa PTA School Christmas Fair 3.30pm in school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Christmas jumpers brought in to school
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS coffee morning
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir singing at Sainsburys 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school Advent Mass 9.15am Last running club
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Swop day Yr 6 Height & Weight
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Junior Nativity 6.30pm in Church
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity 9.30am in school Whole school visit to The Grand for the Panto
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant nativity 2.15pm Choir singing at Booths 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS nativity 10am. No celebration assembly
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Music concert
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Junior Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Early closure at 2.15pm

## Important Future dates

Reconciliation for year 3 on the Sacramental Programme - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
6.30pm.

First Holy Communion Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Z Mabbott