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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to give you further information regarding dates for the rest of this school term. On **Friday 7th December** we will be holding a chocolate muffin-day when the children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes instead of their school uniform in return for donating chocolate bars up to the value of £1. These donations will then be used as prizes for our chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair which will be held later that same evening.

At our annual Christmas Fair on **Friday 7th December**, the school will be open from 6pm to 8pm for you to try your hand at some of the games, look around the stalls and visit Santa in his grotto. This is always a very busy event and a massive fund-raiser for the school, so please show your support. If you are able to help out by manning a stall or helping to set up or tidy away at the end, please contact a member of the PFA.

As part of the Christmas Fair we will be organising our usual school stall, where we sell items made by the children in school, but we always try to supplement this by 'recycling' other items that we can sell. If you have anything new or 'nearly new' that you no longer require and you think that it might make the perfect gift for someone else, please bring it into school for us to sell on our stall. Things like perfume, toiletries and bits of jewellery are always popular but we will attempt to sell anything! Please take any donations that you may have for the school's stall to the school office.

The EYFS children in Apples and Cherries will be performing their play to parents on the afternoon of **Wednesday 12th December** (start time to be confirmed) and we will also be doing an evening performance on **Thursday 13th December** (starting at 6pm). Although there will be no charge for these events we will be selling refreshments. As space is limited for these performances we are sorry but we will need to limit the size of the audience. Although there is no charge to attend either performance, entrance will be by ticket, with a limit of 4 tickets available in total for each family. A separate letter will be sent out to parents of children in Apples and Cherries classes with further information next week.

Wednesday 12th December, is also the day that the children will have the chance to have a Christmas dinner provided by Kingswood Catering. If your child would like to partake of this meal it must be ordered via the Kingswood website (by midnight on the Wednesday before - 5th December) otherwise they will need a packed lunch on this day.

On **Thursday 13th December** it is KS2 Christmas party lunch and afternoon. On this day you will not be able to order a meal from Kingswood for your KS2 child, unless they are entitled to a free school meal, so on this day you are requested to send in party food for the communal feast – a separate letter will be sent out about this nearer the time. (EYFS & KS1 children should order lunches as normal on this day). Any lunches ordered for KS2 free school meal children will be substituted for platters of sandwiches to add to the feast.

On **Friday 14th December** the EYFS & KS1 children will be entertained in school by a travelling theatre company who will be performing 'Aladdin'. If you have not already done so, please pay your payment of £1.50 to the school office by Monday 3rd December. Also on this day children in EYFS & KS1 will be celebrating their Christmas party lunch and afternoon and so any lunches ordered from Kingswood for children in EYFS & KS1 will be substituted for platters of sandwiches to add to their party feast, so you may wish not to order a lunch on this day and just send in your own party food. Again a separate letter will follow at a later date providing further information.

Friday 14th December also sees our KS2 children visiting the Lighthouse Theatre in the afternoon to see 'Aladdin'. If your child wishes to attend this performance but you have not yet paid for the ticket, please make your payment of £8.00 to the school office by Friday 7th December. The children should come to school as normal, they will have an early lunch and we will then walk down to the theatre to watch the 1pm performance. Therefore if you require a meal from Kingswood for your KS2 child this will be a packed lunch option only, as the children will be leaving school during the lunch hour. After the performance you will have the option of collecting your child directly from the theatre rather than them returning to school. A separate letter will be distributed next week providing further information and asking you to inform us whether your child will be collected from school or the theatre.

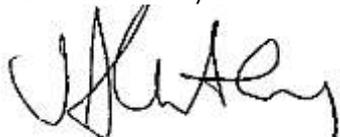
On **Monday 17th December** the children from EYFS & KS1 will be holding their Christingle Service at St Michaels' Church (on the corner of Roundhill Road and Garfield Street). Parents are welcome to join us at the church for this beautiful event which will begin at 2pm.

The KS2 children in Willows, Silver Birches, Redwoods, Maples, Cedars and Oaks will have their opportunity to shine in their annual musical event at the United Reformed Church on London Road. The children will be holding rehearsals at the church on the mornings of Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December, but should come to school as normal on both days and will then walk down to the venue to rehearse once the registers have been taken. For the evening performance on **Tuesday 18th December** the children should arrive at the church from 6.30pm onwards, wearing their school uniform, ready for a 7pm start. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to join us for this Christmas celebration. We anticipate that the performance will finish at around 8pm.

Wednesday 19th December is our last day of term and all children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper or cardigan to school on this day and to make a donation of £1 which will be donated to 'Save the Children'.

Children then return to school after the Christmas break on **Monday 7th January**. Our Holiday Playscheme will be operating on 20th and 21st December and then on 2nd, 3rd and 4th January, should parents require childcare on these days.

Yours sincerely



Julie Clubley - Headteacher

EYFS – Cherries & Apples (Reception)

Key Stage 1 (KS1) – Ash, Bay & Elm (Years 1 & 2)

Key Stage 2 (KS2) – Willows, Silver Birches, Redwoods, Maples, Cedars & Oaks (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)