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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 6th December** we will be holding a mufi-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 or a bottle, which will then be used as prizes for our chocolate and bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair later that same evening.

At our annual Christmas Fair on **Friday 6th 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 will be Mr Gilbert's last grotto, as he will be retiring at the end of this term, and we are all looking forward to see what he has planned for this year. The Christmas Fair 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 or sign up at the school office.

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. 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 11th December** (starting at 2pm) and there will also be an evening performance on **Thursday 12th December** (starting at 6pm). 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 has already been sent out to parents of children in Apples and Cherries classes with further information.

On **Monday 16th December** our EYFS and KS1 children will be holding their Christmas party day. On this day please note that hot meals will not be available for our EYFS and KS1 children (although KS2 will still be able to order as normal) and we request that each child brings something for the communal feast instead. A letter will be sent out with further details about the party day arrangements nearer the time, but in the afternoon the children will be entertained by 'Laugh out Loud' productions who will be performing 'Robin Hood' in the school hall. If you have not already done so, please pay your payment of £1.50 to the school office today as this payment was due on Monday 2nd December.

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 Reform Church on London Road, on **Tuesday 17th December**. The children will be holding rehearsals at the church on the mornings of **Monday 16th** and **Tuesday 17th**, 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 17th** 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 which we anticipate will finish at around 8pm.

On **Wednesday 18th December**, our caterers, ABM, will be serving Christmas dinner to the children. Details of this meal have already been sent out, so please don't forget to place your order if your child would like Christmas lunch on this day.

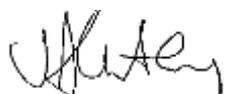
On **Thursday 19th December** our KS2 children have their annual visit to the Lighthouse Theatre to watch their pantomime. The children should come to school as normal on this day, they will then walk down to the theatre for the morning performance and will then return to school at lunchtime for their party lunch. On this day please do not 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. If your child wishes to attend the pantomime but you have not yet paid for the ticket, please make your payment of £8.00 to the school office by **Wednesday 11th December**. Any children who do not wish to attend this event will remain in school for the morning, before re-joining their classes once they return from the theatre for the rest of the day.

Thursday 19th December is also the date of our EYFS and KS1 Christingle Service at St. Michael's Church (on the corner of Roundhill Road and Garfield Street). The service is due to start at 2pm and parents are very welcome to join us for this lovely event to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Friday 20th December is our last day of term and all children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper or cardigan and to bring in £1 which will be donated to 'Save the Children'. Please note that this is not a full mufti day and the children should still wear the rest of their uniform, just with an optional Christmas jumper.

After the Christmas break, children should return to school on **Monday 6th January**, however the Holiday Playscheme will be open on **Thursday 2nd** and **Friday 3rd January**, should parents require childcare on these days.

Yours sincerely



Julie Clubley - Headteacher