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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 the morning of **Wednesday 6th December** the Key Stage 1 and EYFS children will be watching a production of 'Lost and Found' in the school hall performed by a travelling theatre company. If your child wishes to attend this performance but you have not yet paid for the ticket, please make your payment of £3.50 to the school office by Friday 1st December.

After school on **Wednesday 6th December** we will be holding a free taster session for the Key Stage 2 children who would like to get a flavour for the hot meals that will be available to them in the new year. This taster session will take place in the diner and everyone is welcome to try the delicious food.

On **Friday 8th 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 8th December**, the school will be open from 6 pm to 8 pm 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. Don't forget to return your raffle tickets to the school office before this date to be in with a chance of winning the £200 first prize.

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.

Tuesday 12th December sees our Key Stage 2 children visiting the Lighthouse Theatre to see 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. 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 Monday 4th December. The children should come to school as normal on this morning, we will then walk down to the theatre to watch the 10am performance before returning to school for lunchtime.

On **Wednesday 13th December** the Key Stage One and EYFS children will only have a packed lunch option for their school dinner provided by Kingswood catering, as on **Thursday 14th December** it will be their Christmas Dinner. Please see the school website for further details of this special lunch.

The EYFS children in Apples and Cherries will be performing their play to parents on the afternoon of **Wednesday 13th December** (starting at 1.30 pm) and for the first time we will also be doing an evening performance on **Thursday 14th December** (starting at 6pm). Although there will be no charge for these events we will be selling refreshments to raise money towards our minibus appeal. 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.

Towards the end of term the children will be invited to celebrate a party day, when they may come to school in their party clothes rather than their school uniform. For EYFS and Key Stage 1 children the Party Day will be on **Friday 15th December** and for Key Stage 2 children it will be the afternoon of **Tuesday 19th December**. Separate letters providing further information about both of these events will be issued next week.

On **Monday 18th December** the children from EYFS and Key Stage 1 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 2.00 pm.

The Key Stage 2 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 18th and Tuesday 19th December, but should come to school as normal on both days and will then walk down to the venue once the registers have been taken. For the evening performance on **Tuesday 19th December** the children should arrive at the church from 6.30pm onwards, wearing their school uniform, ready for a 7pm start, and we hope as many parents as possible will be able to join us for this Christmas celebration. We anticipate that the performance will finish between 8.15 and 8.30pm.

Wednesday 20th 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 split between 'Save the Children' and our minibus appeal. The children should wear the rest of their school uniform as usual.

Children then return to school after the Christmas break on **Thursday 4th January**. Our Holiday Playscheme will be operating on 21st and 22nd December and then on 2nd and 3rd January, should parents require childcare on these days.

Yours sincerely



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