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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents

As the term is quickly drawing to an end, there are several pieces of information that you will need to know over the next few days and weeks.

Christmas Fair - today between 3pm and 5pm

We look forward to seeing you this afternoon and joining in with lots of Christmas cheer and fun.

Christmas Coffee Morning - Monday 3rd December between 9 and 10.30am

We also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Coffee Morning this Monday 3rd December. Even if you are only able to pop in for a few minutes, it would be lovely to have the opportunity to say thank you and wish you a Happy Christmas.

Year 2 invitation to sing carols at The Community Centre - Monday 3rd December at 1pm

If any parents are able to help escort the children to The Community Centre on Monday afternoon, please let the school office know. Help would be very much appreciated.

Carols at Quinnettes on Thursday 6th December @ 4pm

It is a tradition every year that the children of St Johns School in Year 1 and Year 2 sing carols at Quinnettes. Parents are kindly asked to support and take their children to this event and join in with this festive event. Children in Rabbits class are also welcome to come along with their parents.

A form has already been sent for you to fill out to confirm if your child/ren are going to sing carols. Please can we ask you to return the form ASAP for us to confirm arrangements.

Christmas Plays

As in previous years, I hope you will understand that there is a limited issue of tickets for each family due to Fire regulations. You are of course able to swap tickets between families at your own discretion. You will be asked to produce the correct number of tickets upon entering the hall. Following the Wednesday afternoon performance, the children will return to their classes to get changed whilst the Christmas raffle tickets are drawn in the hall.

Christmas Fun Day - Tuesday 18th December

Please can children come to school in their school uniform in the morning and bring a change of clothes (party clothes) in a named carrier bag for the afternoon.

Christingle Service - Wednesday 19th December @ 9.00am

Please can we ask that parents bring their children to the church from 8.30am on Wednesday 19th December for our Christingle Service. We hope that as many parents will stay to participate in this very special Christmas Service.

This year, a couple of things will be different to previous years.

Firstly, Revd Clare has organised a space for parents and toddlers to sit in the side chapel near the pulpit. This will enable young children to have space to wander if necessary and to have easier access to the toilets without disturbing and distracting the school children during the service. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep our children focused during this service.

Secondly, after the service, staff will arrange to walk all the children back to school after the service in their classes.

Staff will not be handing children back to their parents on the other side of the church yard wall. This will hopefully enable parents to return to their commitments and also ease the separation of some children who get upset when saying goodbye to parents. This new arrangement will also ensure that staff return to school at the same time as the children. Hopefully you will see this as a positive move to help all parties. However, if you wish to escort your child back to school with the class, you'd be most welcome.

Medication in School

A reminder that we are only able to administer medicine that has been prescribed by a doctor; it must still carry the dispensing label with full details. We are not in a position to administer Calpol or Nurofen or any other unprescribed medication. Furthermore if any prescribed medicine needs to be administered in school, parents will need to fill in a consent form at the school office.

Finally, I am very disappointed that I will not be with you today to join in with the school's Christmas festivities at our Christmas Fair. Unfortunately I am feeling unwell and as I am expecting to have surgery next weekend I need to be healthy for it to proceed. Hopefully, if all goes to plan, I will be in school next week for a few days before I have the operation. I very much appreciate all the hard work that has been done behind the scenes to make the Christmas Fair an enjoyable and social experience for everyone. I hope you will have a lovely time and thank you to the PTA and everyone for organising the event. In the meantime, Mrs Stevens is leading and managing the school and she will be able to help and support you.

I hope you'll have a lovely start to your weekend by coming along to the Christmas Fair and marking the start of Advent and the lead up to Christmas.

Best wishes
Gillian Morris

Dates Box:

Fri, 30 Nov	3.00pm-5.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair - further details to follow
Mon, 3 Dec (NEW)	9.00am-10.30am	Christmas Thank You Coffee Morning
Thurs, 6 Dec	4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight at Quinnettes
Tues, 11 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Wed, 12 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Thurs, 13 Dec	6.30pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Fri, 15 Dec	Children may arrive at school any time up to 10.00am	
Tues, 18 Dec	Christmas "Fun Day" - further details to follow	
Wed, 19 Dec	9.00am 2.00pm	Christingle Service - further details to follow Last day of Autumn Term - school closes for the Christmas break
Thurs, 03/01/19	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Fri, 04/01/19	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Mon, 07/01/19	8.30am	First day of Spring Term 2019



