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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reached the last two weeks of term and we are busily putting the final touches to our Christmas Celebrations. The children are looking forward to their performances over the next few days and their parties next week.



### Tea Towels

We have created tea towels using the self portraits of every child in school. Two designs are available; one with Nursery and Reception class portraits and the other with the children from Year 1 to Year 6. The tea towels will be sold on a first come first served basis from the school office and at the Christmas Craft Sale on Friday (subject to availability), costing £4.00. The tea towels will make a terrific Christmas gift and we hope you will like them



### Christmas Craft Sale

Can I remind everyone that our Christmas Craft Sale will be held on Friday afternoon. A wonderful selection of gifts made by the children will be on sale and the Friends of the School will be serving refreshments. We may even have a special visitor for the children to meet!

### Christmas Performances

If anyone still requires tickets for the infant or junior Christmas performances, could they order them as soon as possible. In an effort to raise money for school fund tickets will cost £1.50 each. I would be grateful if you could order no more than three tickets per child to ensure that the ticket allocation is fair. If you would like more than three tickets we will add your name to the reserve list and you will be notified if spare tickets are available.



### Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of term. All children are welcome to have a school dinner. The cost will be £1.80. Menus will be sent out this week.



### Attendance

Our attendance from the beginning of September is as follows:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance Since September	90.7%	94.4%	95.7%	95.7%	96.9%	98.2%	96.4%

Our overall attendance since September is 95.2% and is currently above our target of 95%. Thank you for your support so far in working towards this figure. Good attendance has a significant impact on children's progress in school.

### Sickness Bug

Unfortunately, a number of children have been absent from school this week as a result of the winter vomiting bug. Whilst we would encourage all children to be attending school full-time, if your child is unwell and suffering from diarrhoea or vomiting please keep them at home and notify the school. They should not return to school until 48 hours post symptoms.

### Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am & 6.00pm	Reception and Infant Performance
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Reception and Infant Performance
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm	Junior Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm & 6.00pm	Junior Christmas Performance
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Fair
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas party
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return for the spring term
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2014	Year 5 Visit to Robin Hood's Bay

If you have any questions, please feel free to pop into school or give me a ring.

Thank you for your support.

Andrew Knighton  
(Headteacher)