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Dear Parents / Carers

Calne Lantern Parade

Thank you to all of the parents and children who came along and joined in the Lantern Parade. It was lovely to see so many of the children there having such fun. Please remember to bring back your sticks and lights as soon as possible so that we can return them to the Town Council.



Whole School Trip to See Aladdin

As you are aware, we are going to see Aladdin at The Wyvern Theatre on Thursday 13th December for the matinee performance. You should have received a letter relating to this. Please make sure we receive payment as soon as possible along with the permissions slip. For those parents who are coming along, I have allocated seats for you all. It is really important that you stick to these seats. We have ensured that there is space next to you for your children to join you if they wish to. More details will be given to those parents who are joining us. We hope you are looking forward to it as much as we are!

Nativity Performances

We have three performances this year. The first is a community performance on Monday at 10am. This will be followed by mince pies and a cuppa! The two more formal performances, which are both ticketed, are on Tuesday at 2pm and again at 6pm. Whilst all of the children will be involved in the day time performances, we would appreciate as many Key Stage 2 pupils back for the evening as possible to help support the younger children. They have all been learning the songs and are thoroughly enjoying singing them! Children should be back at school for 5.30pm. Key Stage 1 pupils will have their costumes in school and Key Stage 2 should wear school uniform. Thanks to Miss Viles and the Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistants for all of their hard work in preparing for the performances. There will be refreshments, a raffle (separate to the Christmas Fayre raffle) and a silent auction at both performances so bring a few pounds along with you. If you would like to bid ahead of the performance, auction items are available in the office. We look forward to seeing you there. Spare tickets for both performances will be available from Monday morning.

Christmas Fayre

Enormous thanks to everyone who has helped with the organisation of the Christmas Fayre this year. There has been a huge workforce gathering prizes, working on promotion and sorting out the finer details. I'm sure the children will have a wonderful time and all the effort will be worthwhile! If you have helped out in any way, thank you!

Parking and Driving

Please remember to park considerately in the car park or on the road. Children are often small and can't be seen from a larger vehicle, so much so, recently, we had a near miss with one of our pupils and a vehicle. Make sure you check around you before pulling off! Equally, if you are walking with a child, please make sure that they are safe, using the footpath and are aware of their surroundings. We have Wiltshire Council in at different points in the year working with certain year groups on road safety; however, you can never be too careful. Please talk to your children about the importance of road safety and remind them to be vigilant when walking near roads. I would rather everyone was cautiously careful than there was a dreadful accident. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

CASPER Visit

You may be aware that we had some Headteachers from other schools in Heddington last week. This was as part of a new project which we have signed up to, which is aimed at challenging and supporting schools to make them even better. One of our targets from Ofsted was to provide more opportunity to develop writing across the curriculum and enable more pupils to work at greater depth. This was the focus for the day and involved watching lessons, looking at displays, interviewing members of staff and pupils and looking at books. The team were very impressed with the quality and quantity of writing across the school and curriculum, and stated that we are challenging and supporting the children very well with their writing. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work in everything that they do. They really are superb and it was lovely having this validated by others! I would also like to congratulate the children for rising to the challenges with their writing and putting such effort and pride into everything that they do! Well done!

End of Term Arrangements

- You will need to be at school for 5.30pm to pick your child up after the Wyvern Theatre trip on Thursday 13th December.
- Wednesday 19th December is Christmas Jumper Day. Children should wear school uniform with this.
- Wednesday 19th December is also Christmas Dinner Day.
- Clubs will run through to and including Thursday 20th December.
- There will be a service at St Andrew's Church at 2pm on Friday 21st December. Everyone is welcome.
- End of Term is 3.15pm on Friday 21st December.

Christmas Tree Decorating

Our Christian Task Force went to St John's Church in Devizes on Thursday to decorate a tree. Their theme this year was 'If I were a Shepherd'. Rays Class considered what they would want to give to Jesus and to the world if they could. There were lots of lovely ideas such as peace to the world, love for all and happiness. These were written on boxes which, were then hung on the tree. Well done to everyone who took part!

Carol Singing at Sainsbury's

We will be joining forces with some of the other schools in Calne and singing carols outside Sainsbury's on Saturday 15th December from 10am - 12pm. Please come along and join us and help raise money for The Guide Dogs Association. The more festive you can look, the better!

Village 9 Lessons and Carols

This years' service is on Sunday 16th December at 6pm. The school choir have been working very hard on several songs and are sounding beautiful! If you can come along to the service, you're in for a real treat!

Dates for the Diary

I have put in as many dates as possible for next terms. Please make a note of them in your diaries so you know when different events are taking place.

I will always try to be available at the start and end of the school day. If you would rather arrange a more formal meeting, please don't hesitate to make an appointment.

Kind regards
Ashley Martin



Dates for the Diary

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
PTA Christmas Fayre	Friday 7 th December	3.15 - 5.30pm
Community Nativity Performance	Monday 10 th December	10am
Nativity Performance	Tuesday 11 th December	2pm & 6pm (children back for 5.30pm)
Whole School to see Aladdin at The Wyvern Theatre in Swindon	Thursday 13 th December	Afternoon Performance
PTA Meeting	Friday 14 th December	3.15pm
Carol Singing at Sainsbury's in Calne	Saturday 15 th December	10 - 12pm
Village 9 Lessons and Carols	Sunday 16 th December	6pm
Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day	Wednesday 19 th December	During School Day
End of Term Carol Service	Friday 21 st December	2pm
End of Term 2	Friday 21 st December	3.15pm
Start of Term 3	Monday 7 th January	8.45am
Fire Safety Talks	Tuesday 29 th January	During School Day
End of Term 3	Friday 15 th February	3.15pm
Term 4 Starts	Monday 25 th February	8.45am
Wiltshire Dance Festival	Tuesday 5 th March	During School Day / Evening
Dress up for World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March	During School Day
Year 5 to JBS	Thursday 21 st March	During School Day
End of Term 4	Friday 5 th April	3.15pm
Start of Term 5	Tuesday 23 rd April	8.45am
May Day (School Closed)	Monday 6 th May	All Day
Key Stage 2 SATS Week	WB 13 th May	During School Day
End of Term 5	Friday 24 th May	3.15pm
Teacher Training Day	Monday 3 rd June	All Day
Term 6 Starts	Tuesday 4 th June	8.45am
Scoutability Session	Tuesday 18 th June	During School Day
Whole School Photograph	Thursday 20 th June	During School Day
End of Term 6	Thursday 25 th July	1pm