

Silver Award

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems unbelievable that we are only two weeks away from the end of term! It has been another few extremely busy and exciting weeks within school with some really rich learning opportunities and experiences for the children.

#### The Value of Perseverance

Through our assemblies and acts of worship the children have been deepening their knowledge and understanding of 'Perseverance', our current value we are focusing on during term 2. The children have been listening to a range of stories from the bible such as 'The lost sheep', 'Rebuilding Jerusalem', Jeremiah in the well' and other famous stories such as 'The hare and the tortoise' and Lost and Found'. The children are spending time reflecting on when they need perseverance in their own lives and how it is important in helping us succeed at things that first seem challenging. Please take some time to talk to the children about perseverance at home and how it can help them to improve at things they find challenging.

### Christingle Service / Crib Service

I would like to remind all parents of the Christingle service at St. Mary's church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. It would be wonderful if as many children and families as possible could attend the service.

I would also like to draw your attention to the 'Crib Service' that will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm at St. Mary's church. James Hollingsworth has informed me there is a 'frozen' theme this year. Children are also being encouraged to attend dressed as an Angel, a Wise person or a Shepherd.

### Christmas Fair

Tomorrow is Barcombe School's Christmas Fair! There are lots of wonderful stalls selling a range of beautiful gifts for family and friends, homemade cakes, Santas Grotto, a raffle with fantastic prizes and much, much more. Please come along between 2.30pm and 5.30pm tomorrow and help support the school. I look forward to seeing you all there!

### Christmas Post box

The Christmas post box has arrived in school! Anyone wishing to write cards to other children in their class and in other classes within the school can post cards into the box from today. Please remember to write the child's name on the envelope with the class they are in to ensure the card gets to the correct recipient!

# KS1 Nativity

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December the children in Key Stage One will perform their Nativity to family and friends. The Nativity will be at 9am in the school hall. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to come, support the children and enjoy the performance.

## Carol Service and Christmas Lunch

We hope as many parents as possible will be able to join us for our Christmas Carol Service at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, when all the children will be singing Carols. Please ensure the children arrive at the church at 8.45am. They will be registered in the Conker room at the back of St. Mary's. After the service the children will be walking back to school. This will be followed by Christmas lunch; this will be served by the teachers with Christmas crackers and popular Christmas songs! Please remember to return the Christmas lunch form by Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December so we know whether your child would like a cooked meal or is having a packed lunch.

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30-5.30pm PTA Christmas Fair in Sports Hall Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Yr1/2 Flu Vaccinations (only those that have returned form) Yr 6 Big Sing – Winter Garden, Eastbourne Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 9am KS1 Christmas Performance Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Break Out Of Barcombe Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – PTA £1.50 stall Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Yr 6 to Chailey Secondary –Beauty and the Beast Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 8.45am Christmas Carol service at St. Mary's. Christmas Lunch Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – INSET – No children in school

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - First day of Term 3 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January – INSET – No children in school

Best Wishes.

Mr S James Head Teacher

