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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are rapidly drawing closer to the end of term festivities; with only two weeks of term left the children are busy decorating the school and practising their lines for the Christmas celebrations. If your child is planning on sending Christmas cards to other children in their class the Christmas Post box will be in operation from Monday!

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

Please come to our Christmas Fair at school tomorrow from 12 – 3pm. Please support the school and come along; there are some wonderful stalls this year with lots of ideas for Christmas gifts and even the possibility of seeing Father Christmas himself! I would like to say a huge thank you to Charlotte Hatchard and our brilliant PTA for organising what I am sure will be a really great afternoon.

### **Key Stage Two Christmas Carol Service**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December we are planning to hold the Carol Service at St. Mary's church at 2pm. Weather permitting all the children will leave School at around 1pm to walk to the church and be ready to start at 2pm. If you intend to join us for the service we would really appreciate any help with chaperoning the children to the church. Please let the Class Teachers know if you are able to help with this. All children will need to be collected from the church at approximately 3pm. No children will be returning to school after the service.

### **Take Over Day**

The Year 6 children in Owls Class had a brilliant day at Lewes Fire Station and Lewes Police Station on Take Over Day. The children were able to operate the equipment and learn what it is like to be a member of our Emergency Services.

### **Open Mornings**

A number of potential new parents visited the school over the past week and were treated to guided tours of the school by our smart, mature Year 6 children. I have received fantastic feedback from our visitors about the quality of the tours and the enthusiasm of the children to show off their school. This makes myself and the whole school team very proud when members of the public comment on our children's behaviour in this way. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Nurse and Mrs Burt who provided refreshments for our visitors and give them a parent's perspective of the school.

### **Visiting Author**

Local author Julian Warrender visited the children in Key Stage One last week. It is always a pleasure to have her in school; she read her new book; 'Ivy's Lost Ball' to the children in a brilliant and creative way. The children really enjoyed her visit once again.

### **Break Out Of Barcombe**

The children in Year 2 ventured to Knowlands Wood with the Break Out Team last Friday to learn how to start a fire with flint and straw. They also built an obstacle course out of Woodland materials and cooked over an open fire!

### **School Council**

Norman Baker MP is visiting the School Council today to discuss the role of a council and talk to them about his role as a Member of Parliament. I know they have some challenging questions for him so I look forward to reporting more about his visit.

### **Infant Parent Notice**

Please can parents of children in the Infants ensure they stay with their children once they have received them from the Class Teacher. I am **still** concerned children are being allowed to run / scoot around the playground or climb on the school equipment when under parent supervision. Please work with us to ensure the safety of all the children whilst on the school site. Thank you.

### **Helping Your Child At Home**

Please ensure you listen to your child read three times a week and record you have done this in your child's reading record. There are an increasing number of children who are not reading regularly at home and this is concerning the class teachers. As a school we are working really hard to improve our children's general reading abilities. We need you to continue to help us ensure all children are able to read fluently, enjoy and understand stories. Hopefully this will lead to a lifelong love of reading.

### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Fair

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Hindleap payments due – Year 5 £30; Year 4 £17

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9am – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance, Year 6 Big Sing Performance

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9 – 10.30am – Reception Break Out Of Barcombe

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Some One Special Visiting School!

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 to Chailey School Christmas Show; Panto (Outer Space Christmas)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – PTA £1.50 Gift Stall; Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Concert 2pm St. Mary's Church

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – End Of Term; PTA Mulled Wine and Mince Pies (School Playground 3pm)

### **Term 3**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day (No children in school)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – First Day of Term 3 for all children

Best Wishes

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