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Headteacher's notes...

The sounds of Christmas can be heard all around the school as we get nearer to the end of term. Congratulations must go to all the children in Reception who performed so well in their Nativity Play this week. I know from many of your comments how much you all enjoyed it and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work. The festivities have continued today with our Christmas Dinner and the PTA Christmas Fair which we have all been looking forward to. Again thanks to the PTA for all the work they have done to make it a success and for all the donations that have been sent in.



Next week children in Key Stage 1 will be performing their play 'A Christmas Recipe', Brambles are having a special Assembly and children from the Choir will be singing carols at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

This week we held our Commendation Assemblies where we recognised the achievements of 50 children in the school who received their Headteacher Certificates – well done to everyone.

Staffing Update

Mrs Grimbaldeston, who is joining us in January to teach in Lower Maple, will be in school all day on **Wednesday 12th December**. There will also be an opportunity for parents of children in this class to come and meet her for a short time after school.

Christmas Post Box

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to other children in school, please put the cards in the post box outside the school office. Last day for deliveries is **Friday 14th December** – please don't forget to put the full name and class on the envelope!



Volunteers

We would be very grateful for any parent volunteers who are able to assist in walking KS1 and/or KS2 children to and from the church on **Monday 17th December**. If you are able to help, please contact your child's class teacher directly or via the school office.

Non Uniform Day

The last day of term, **Wednesday 19th December**, will be a non-uniform day as the children take part in various Christmas activities.

Brampton Kids Club Christmas Holiday Club

Brampton Kids Club will be open in the school holidays on **Thursday 3rd January** and **Friday 4th January 2019, 8am until 6pm**. To book your child's place, please take a booking form from the rack outside the school office or download it from the school website.

Year 1 Violin Project

The children involved in the Year 1 Violin Project will be making a brief presentation to parents at **2.45pm** in the music room on **Friday 14th December**.

Music Events

Carol singing at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital - the **Y6 choir** have been invited to sing carols at the Chapel Service and around some of the wards on **Tuesday 11th December**. Y6 choir will walk to the hospital after lunch and will need to be picked up from the hospital at **4.30pm**. Details have been provided to those who have signed up.

School KS2 Festive Music Evening - the school choir, orchestra, handchime and KS2 string group are invited to perform at the school Festive Music Evening on **Wednesday 12th December** at **6pm**.

Online Safety

We would like to share a message from #WakeUpWednesday about keeping safe online:

With a tech-filled Christmas on the horizon, we thought parents might need a little help in keeping their children safe when using their new digital devices...

We're delighted to have once again teamed up with our teacher friends Dan and Sam from 'Musicalternative' to bring you this jolly online safety jingle for parents and to share with the whole school community!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>



Head Lice

As some of you will be aware, there is a recurring problem of head lice. We know that some parents are treating their children but that then they catch it again very soon afterwards. Please would **all** parents please check their child's head regularly and if they find head lice please treat as soon as possible.

Middle Phase

In Years 3 and 4 we have been learning about the Anglo - Saxon story of Beowulf. Next week, we will be showing the children an animated version of this story. The film was created in 1998 for BBC2 and was classified 'U' when it was televised however as it is rather old, the classification certificate can no longer be found. If you are not happy for your child to watch this film, please notify your child's class teacher.

Community

Christmas Opening details for the Brampton Community library are as follows:

The Library will be closed from Monday 24th December through to Friday 28th December

Open as usual on Saturday 29th December

Closed Monday 31st December, Tuesday 1st January 2019

Re - opening Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Normal opening times:

Monday 11:30 - 1:30

Wednesday 3:00 to 5.00

Saturday 11:30 - 1:30

What's On Next Week:

Monday 10 th Dec	Art Club Yrs 1-4 Football Club Y6 football match Last hand chimes
Tuesday 11 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm Choir singing at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital
Wednesday 12 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 10.00am Music Concert 6.00pm <i>(details have already been sent to those children who are involved)</i>
Thursday 13 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm Yrs 1-4 MultiSkills Sports Club
Friday 14 th Dec	Brambles Class Assembly Drama Club