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Dear Parents/Carers,

With only a few weeks left until the end of term we are all busy in school with Christmas preparations!

Christmas Nativity Performances

The children are beginning to learn the songs for their Christmas productions. The nursery children are performing *Wriggly Nativity* the Reception children will be presenting *A Christmas Tail* and the Year 1 and Year 2 children will perform *The First Christmas*. This year's performances are on the following dates:

Monday 4th December at 9.30am	Dress rehearsal for the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance, <i>The First Christmas</i> , at 9.30am (grandparents invited)
Tuesday 5th December at 2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2: <i>The First Christmas</i> Kittiwake, Heron, Cormorant, Sandpiper
Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am	Year 1 and Year 2: <i>The First Christmas</i> Kittiwake, Heron, Cormorant, Sandpiper
Monday 11th December at 9.30am	Dress rehearsal for the Reception Christmas performance, <i>A Christmas Tail</i> (grandparents invited)
Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am	Reception Christmas performance: <i>A Christmas Tail</i>
Thursday 14th December at 9.30am	Nursery nativity: <i>Wriggly Nativity</i>

To manage the numbers attending each of the Year 1 and Year 2 performances we have indicated in bold which performance parents from each class are specifically invited to attend, but are aware that some parents may need to come to the alternative performance.

Friends of the School

Plans are in place for our Christmas Fair on Wednesday 13th December from 5.00pm.

The Friends are also hoping to run craft stalls at a Christmas Fair at the Guildhall on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December to raise some additional money for the school. Our school choir will be singing at the fair on the Sunday at 1.00pm. We need more people to help on both days and would be really grateful for any time that you are able to give. If you can help please complete the form below and return it to school. Just a couple of hours of help would be wonderful!

Attendance

We have recently reviewed the children's attendance since September and letters are being sent to parents whose children currently have an attendance rate of less than 90%. The school's attendance for the last school year was 95.3% which seems to be quite high at first glance. However the national average is 96.1% and our attendance is in the lowest 10% nationally! So, as you can see, a small difference in percentage is significant. Our governors understand that some families can only take holidays during term time and we do therefore authorise a reasonable amount of holiday in these circumstances. We would therefore be very grateful if other absences could be kept to an absolute minimum (while also acknowledging that such young children will be susceptible to all the bugs and germs they encounter when they join school). Thank you for your help with this.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 13th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but you would like them to have Christmas Dinner, please complete the slip below and return it to school by Monday 11th December. School dinner is now free for all children, but we would like to know how many to cater for.

Christmas Party Monday 18th December

On Monday 18th December we will be holding our Christmas Parties. The children can wear party clothes or they can bring something to change into after lunchtime. The children will play party games in their classrooms and then join together for party food in the hall. We would be grateful if each child could bring a small amount of party food to share on the day.

School Library

We are very lucky to have parent volunteers to open our school library for the children at lunchtimes. The library can be accessed from the playground and the children can visit it after they have had their lunch to read and change their books. Each year group has a library day:

Tuesday Reception

Wednesday Year 1

Thursday Year 2

A record is kept of the books which each child reads and when they have read 10 books they are presented with a certificate in assembly. Please let us know if you can't find your child's library book at home as we don't want them to miss out and will allow them to borrow another one. We will be encouraging the children to visit the library so please look out for their library book in their book bags.

Ayr Field Big Tidy-Up 2nd and 3rd December 10.00am – 3.00pm

We have been contacted by the Ayr Field Community Group regarding an action weekend which they are holding to look after the field, which is at the top of Bullans Lane. A small group of volunteers is currently looking after the field and meet there on the first Saturday in each month, but more members are needed as there is plenty of work to be done! During the tidy-up weekend, volunteers will be cutting brambles, pruning trees and clearing overgrown areas. No expertise is required, all ages are welcome, and tools and gloves will be provided. A facebook page has been set up by the group (Ayr Field Big Tidy Up) and more information is available there.

Yours sincerely,

CHRISTMAS LETTER REPLY SLIP

Child's Name:

Class:

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday 13th December 2017

Please could my child have Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

I can help with the Friends of the School stall on Saturday 9th December in the morning / afternoon

Sunday 10th December in the morning / afternoon

Signed: