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Thank you for your donations towards the Christmas Market. The children are setting the scene for Advent in their Christmas jumpers and accessories. We are all looking forward to tomorrow – our Market is always a lovely occasion, and a good time to choose gifts for family and friends. We do hope that you can join us. Choir and Cheddington Choir are singing at 1:00pm to open the festivities.

The past two weeks have been busy as usual. Our JRSOs gave a super assembly on 18th for Road Safety Week. It is so important to remind the children how to keep themselves safe. We have also reminded them that, when crossing with Mr Frankum, they must cross in front of him so that he knows they are safely across before allowing the traffic to continue. On Thursday 21st November Year 2 visited the Natural History Museum in Oxford as part of their Science learning. They really enjoyed their time there and were full of their discoveries.

Our younger children are focussed on their rehearsals for 'Mend the Manger'. The little snippets I have seen and heard are tantalising – I am sure it will be a wonderful production. I am so disappointed that I will only get to see it once this year as I have meetings on the Friday and Tuesday which I am not able to re-arrange. I am so looking forward to the Thursday Evening when my Christmas will truly begin.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Willimont into school over the next two weeks. He is coming to meet the class in preparation for taking Year 4 until the summer. He and Mr Fowler will also spend time to ensure that the learning for the children will continue smoothly.

We are particularly proud of the Eco Team who represented all the children when speaking with the assessor for our Green Flag last Friday. The children were most articulate in explaining all the things we do in school to help protect our planet. We are delighted to have been awarded our fourth Green Flag, which is testament to the commitment of all the children.

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to the termly learning contributions. The £10 per term helps with the cost of Curriculum Enrichment activities and visitors to the school. The proposed visitors for each year group are on the website; the chart can be found under proposed trips on the Parents tab. Each class teacher thinks very carefully to select visitors to best enhance the learning for the children in each term. Our Curriculum Enrichment programme covers a wide range of activities including cookery, book binding, making a purse, team building challenges, first aid, and forest schools (culminating in hot chocolate and marshmallows at the camp fire). This programme supports the development of life skills as well as curriculum linked learning; and sadly cannot be totally funded from the budget allocation to the school. We are most appreciative of parents support with this to give the best to the children.

As we hurtle towards the festive season, excitement levels are rising in school. I know the next few weeks will be very busy. We attach this week a small booklet of suggestions to assist reading with your child which we hope you will find helpful.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<u>Reminders</u>	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u>
Saturday, 29th November, 1-4pm - Christmas Market	Monday - Mrs Tamlyn
Wednesday, 4th December, 8.45-9.30am - Reception Parents, Share the Learning	Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn
Friday, 6th December, 2pm - Mend the Manger	Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn
	Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn
	Friday - Mr Fowler

Brass Lessons

From January, I have a few instruments available for children who would like to start learning a brass instrument. I have a baritone and some P trumpets available. This means that children can play the instrument for a few months, or up to a year, before you need to invest in one. It helps to know that children want to stick at it before you buy! Please let me know if you are interested. I know several children were interested in the baritone at the try out session. Brass instruments can be very versatile, with trumpeters playing in jazz, concert, or Brass bands or becoming soloists later on. Baritone players can play in concert bands and brass bands as well as ensembles. Please email me at katiecornetplayer@googlemail.com if you wish further information.

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