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Dear Parents and Carers

Today we are really enjoying welcoming the children's grandparents into school for their special day. They have been treated to some great singing from Key Stage 1 and a moving poem by Key Stage 2 and have been visiting the children in their classrooms. The House Captains did a fantastic job proudly showing off the school and we would like to say a big thank you to the FODs for providing the refreshments.

**** Christmas Fair - Friday 30th November, 4.00-6.00 pm ****

We are attaching a poster from FoDs about this year's fair. As always we will have wonderful refreshments and a guaranteed festive atmosphere. Many thanks again to all the parent volunteers who have made this popular event possible.

Christmas dinner

Our annual Christmas dinner will be on 18th December. It is a great occasion every year when we all eat together, children and staff, and share some festive fun. As last year, we are going to assume that all children will have the cooked Christmas dinner unless we hear otherwise from you. The meal is free for Reception and Key Stage 1 and the cost for Key Stage 2 is the same as usual - £2.30. **Your child's dinner will be charged to your account unless you opt them out in advance.** Please contact the school office by 15th December if your child will have a packed lunch instead. It is also Christmas jumper day should children want to wear one.

Nativity performances - Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December

Letters will be going home today with the Key Stage 1 and Reception children about the arrangements for this year's Nativity play, *Lights, Camel, Action*. All performances are entry by ticket only. There will be **4 free tickets per family** and you can choose which performance you would prefer. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please do not bring children under secondary school age to the evening performance - younger siblings are welcome at the morning performance. All Key Stage 2 children will have seen the Nativity in school, as will Preschool children, and the DX Club are opening specially (and for free) for anyone that needs childcare for their school-aged children. If you or your relatives require special seating arrangements for either performance, please could you let the school know in advance so that we can organise this. Parking will be available on the Key Stage 2 playground for the performances.

Bus Travel

We have been asked by C L Travel to remind parents not to take other people's children off the school bus without informing them or the school office beforehand. If a parent isn't at the stop to collect their child our procedure is for that child to be brought back to school.

Gym club

The last session this term is next Tuesday 4th December. Gym restarts on 8th January. There are some spaces in the first Gym session, please contact the school office after Christmas if your child is interested in a place.

Stage Dance

The last Stage Dance for this term will be 10th December and parents are invited to come and watch the children dance 'Winter wonderland' from 4.00 pm on that day.

Coats

There are quite a lot of children still coming to school without a coat - and it is mid November now. Please could you make sure they bring a coat each day because some children are telling us they are cold at playtime.

Procedure in the event of wintry weather

It is time to remind you of the procedure if we have snow. Please check one of the following to see if we are open: our school website (www.duxford.cambs.sch.uk) , Cambridgeshire County Council's school closures website:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20059/schools_and_learning/281/school_term_dates_and_closures/3, or local radio stations - BBC Radio

Cambridgeshire, Heart 103/102.7 or Star 107. We will also try to leave a message on the school answerphone if a member of staff is able to get in, but this gets very busy so please check the other options first before trying to call. If we are open, we are very likely to restrict entry to the school to the front entrance only, so the side and back gate will not be open. Access for Preschool will also be through the front entrance of school. Our Adverse Weather Conditions policy, available on the school website, gives all the details.

Poppy appeal

Our poppy appeal raised £88.53 this year, which is fantastic. Thank you all for your support.

Attachments

FODS Christmas Fair poster

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze
Headteacher

Message from FODS.

One week until our annual Christmas Fair!
 Our school choir will be kicking off the festive spirit and after that there will be games, yummy food, visits to Father Christmas and many more things to get you feeling festive.
 Please see school poster attached.
 Also don't forget to use easyfundraising when doing your Christmas shopping.



The poster features the Easyfundraising logo with the tagline 'feel good shopping'. The main text reads 'Raise free funds for us every time you shop online this Christmas'. To the right, a grid of logos for various online retailers is displayed, including Amazon.co.uk, Argos, eBay, Debenhams, Booking.com, H&M, Boden, Next, Sainsbury's, ASOS, John Lewis, M&S, Expedia, Apple, Currys, and PC World.

Lunches for week beginning 26 November 2018 –

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Pork meatballs	Tomato pasta bake	Ham roll with salad
Tuesday	BBQ chicken	Quiche	Egg roll
Wednesday	Roast Turkey	Quorn fillet	Chicken mayo salad wrap
Thursday	Corned beef hash	Cheese and tomato pizza	Cheese salad wrap
Friday	Fish Fingers	Quorn dippers	Tuna and Cucumber baguette

Diary Dates

Tuesday 27 November, 2.50-3.00pm	Buttercups Class – Snuggle with a book
Thursday 29 November	Star Reader Tea
Friday 30 November	Christmas Fair, 4.00-6.00 pm
Wednesday 5 December, 9.30am	Reception/KS1 nativity performance
Thursday 6 December, 6.00pm	Reception/KS1 nativity performance
Thursday 13 December, 2.50 – 3.00pm	Buttercups Class – Snuggle with a book
Friday 14 December	KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas dinner – remember to wear your Christmas jumper

Wednesday 19 December, 2.00pm	Carols in the Hall
Wednesday 19 December	Autumn term closes
Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January	Professional days – school closed to pupils
Monday 7 January	Spring term starts
Friday 8 February	School disco
Monday 18 to Friday 24 February	Half-term
Friday 5 April	Spring term closes
Tuesday 23 April	Training Day
Wednesday 24 th April	Summer term starts
Monday 6 th May	May Day
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half-term
Monday 6 June	Training Day
Wednesday 24 July	Summer term closes