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**Headteacher Lynn Harrison**

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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all the parents and pupils who completed the Ofsted online surveys, this gave the inspectors a very positive impression of the school prior to the inspection. The inspection report could be published before Christmas, but they have 18 working days to write it, then it must go through a quality assurance process, then it is sent out to parents! We are not allowed to refer to the inspection outcome but suffice to say we are relieved it is over and are pleased with how it all went on the day!

As the last couple of weeks are now upon us, I thought it wise to confirm arrangements for the events leading up to the end of term, as there is so much to squeeze in!

Yesterday everyone enjoyed the visiting pantomime and Christmas is really upon us!

Tomorrow and Thursday are whole school 'Thinking and skills' days. These days are really beneficial as we consolidate teambuilding and problem-solving skills; they foster caring and nurturing relationships throughout the school and will be filled with lots of Christmas fun and Christmas cake making! I hope that your child will tell you all about the things they do after each day! Here are the key dates followed by additional information below.

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Coffee morning and hamper draw 9am – 10.30am
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Class Two Christmas plays for parents and family of Class Two, 2.30pm and 6.30pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Class Three Christmas plays for parents and family of Class Three, 2.30pm and 6.30pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Class One Nativity in church for parents and family of Class One. 2.30pm
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Whole school Christmas Party 1pm onwards.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: School closes for Christmas at 2pm
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January: School reopens for the Spring term.

#### Coffee Morning.

Everyone is welcome to attend and your children will be able to join you for cake and refreshments. If you are unable to attend but would like school staff to take your child to take part, they will need about £1.50 for the Fairtrade games and then some money to buy a cake or two! If you haven't already done so, please send in all sold/unsold Hamper draw tickets by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest to ensure that they are included in the drawing!

#### Class Two Christmas play.

Costumes to be in by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring children back to school at 6.15pm for the evening performance. Please note that there will be no after school football with Rowan on this date. Rowan will email parents of the pupils who usually attend to confirm these arrangements.

Class Three Christmas play.

Costumes to be in by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring children back to school at 6.15pm for the evening performance.

Class One Nativity.

In previous years we have tried to make the Nativity a whole school event, performed in church, including carols and the like from Classes Two and Three, but as they have their own productions to learn and perform, this has become less manageable in recent years.

Therefore, the Nativity will be performed by Class One only, and children in Classes 2 and 3 will stay at school, we take the rest of the school to watch one of the rehearsals.

Parents of Class One will need to collect their child following the Nativity from the church. If you are unable to attend the Nativity and would like your child to go home on the school bus, please contact the school office to make these arrangements.

Christmas Party.

Children may bring in their party clothes in a named bag and we will get them changed just after lunch. School staff and members of the PTA will organise the party games and food and this year we have a new exciting addition to the party - a snow machine!!! If you would like to come to school to see the special visitor distribute gifts, then please come to school at 3pm.

We all really enjoy this festive time at school and are looking forward to seeing you in school soon.

Yours sincerely,

*Lynn Harrison*

Headteacher.