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Dear Parents/Carers,

This time of year is always so special and school is buzzing at the moment, with the sound of children practising their Christmas songs and performances. Of course, there is a huge amount for us all to remember so I thought it would be timely to write to you all with some important reminders.

Christmas Fair:

The Christmas Fair is happening tonight between 4:30 – 6:30pm here at school! We would love to see you so please do come along if you can. It promises to be a wonderful event and is a great start to the festive season.

Christmas Performances:

We really hope that you and other family members will be able to join us for our Christmas performances this year. Here are the relevant details for you:

Key Stage 1/EYFS children are going to be performing their Christmas play to parents/carers next week on the following dates:

- Monday 4th December – Performance for EYFS parents, starting at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 5th December – Performance for Year 1 parents, starting at 9:30am
- Wednesday 6th December – Performance for Year 2 parents, starting at 9:30am

You do not need tickets for these performances. Where possible, please come along to the performance that corresponds to your child's year group. If this is not possible, please do come along to another performance but please do let your child's class teacher know in advance.

Key Stage 2 children are going to be performing their Christmas play to parents/carers next Thursday 7th December at the following times:

- 9:45am at the Abbey
- 1:45pm at the Abbey

Tickets are currently being allocated for these performances. Please return your slips to the school office by the end of today and indicate on them whether you would like some extra tickets. Any spare tickets will be given out from Monday 4th December for those who have requested additional tickets.

Please note that at the end of the KS2 performances, children are not to leave church with their parents: they will walk back to school with their class teachers in order to be dismissed in the normal way, for safety reasons. Thank you.

Finally, please remember that whilst we are happy for you to take photographs/videos of all the performances we request that you do not post photographs of other people's children on social media sites.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on the following days:

- Monday 11th December – Years 5 and 6
- Tuesday 12th December – Years 3 and 4
- Wednesday 13th December – EYFS and Years 1 and 2

A separate letter, giving details of the various party arrangements, will follow shortly.

Arriving at school

Please remember that children must be in school by **8:50am**. We have noticed that some children are arriving between 8:50 and 9am. The doors open at 8:40am to give children sufficient time to get to their classrooms and be ready for registration at 8.50am and lessons begin at 9.00am. Children arriving after this time cause disruption to the morning's planned activity; regular disruption will, over time, impact on the children's learning. We therefore urge all parents to ensure that their children arrive on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please can we also remind parents **not** to park on the yellow zigzags outside the school gates to drop children off/pick children up? It is extremely dangerous. This area must be kept clear to maintain safety for all of our children and families.

Term dates

Finally, please remember that we break up for Christmas on Tuesday 19th December and return on Wednesday 3rd January 2018. Our term dates for 2018-19, as well as 2017-18, are now on our website for you to view.

Uniform

Please remember that from January, we would like all children to be wearing black school shoes and **not** boots or trainers. Other than that, the uniform will remain the same as it is currently.

I will look forward to seeing many of you next week at the various Christmas performances.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Jones
Head teacher