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Dear Parents,

Live Nativity Sunday 11th December

We are hoping lots of our families will be going to the Live Nativity on Sunday. This begins in the Town Square at 3pm. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** We hope that the children will be able to join Mr Harris to sing outside the church. If your child would like to join in the singing please meet Mr Harris from ten to three down in the church car park. Full details attached.

Carol Service 12th December

On Monday 12th December Y2 – 6 will be going to St Mary's Church for our Carol Service. The children will be travelling by bus and we will start as soon as the children are all seated which I anticipate will be 9.45am. Parents are welcome to attend but as usual, seating is limited. The Steel band will be playing as people come into the church.

Parent Governor Elections

If you haven't yet voted in the parent governor election, please remember that the closing date is Wednesday 14th December.

Nationality Data Form

Please return the nationality data form, due on 25th November, to the school office as soon as possible. The information is required for next month's school census. Thank you for your cooperation.

You Tube

We have had several incidents in the last two weeks of children in Y5 and Y6 posting videos on YouTube. Google does state in its terms of service "If you are under **13 years** of age, then please do not use the Service. There are lots of other great web sites for you. Talk to your parents about what sites are appropriate for you."

However, if you decide that you want your child to have a YouTube account please can you make sure that they understand the dangers of posting videos of themselves on line. We will obviously be speaking to the children about this in school as well.

School Target Awards

For getting better at Speedy maths: Holly Lyons 6JM, Abby Wilson 5TH, Alexandr Ivanov 2LH

For pushing themselves to do the best they can: Poppy Perry 6BH, Daniel Wood 5LO, Filip Krysiak 4KE/RK, Freddie Rounce 3AM/NR, Florence Smith 2NT, Carlyle Ives 1BR

For showing respect: Rafe McHale 1SH, Angus Whelan 3LW

For challenging themselves to learn new words: Amelie Watts 4RB

School Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day

Next Thursday is our Christmas Dinner and also our Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper and bring £1 as a donation to charity. This will go to Save the Children. School trousers and shoes should be worn as usual. Please don't feel you have to buy a Christmas jumper for your child – a plain jumper can be decorated with tinsel etc. If you have not already done so, please complete a Christmas Dinner slip by Monday with your child's requirements.

Class Assemblies

Thank you to all the people who responded to the class assembly questionnaire. We will be making decisions based on the outcomes and will write to you next week with any results and decisions.

Christmas Performances Y3,4,5

Just a reminder about the performances in the last week:

- The performances are 7.00pm Monday 19th December, 9.30am Tuesday 20th December, and 7.00pm Tuesday 20th December. If you have not already applied for your tickets (2 per family) please do so by return.
- We will give out programmes next week for every chair in the hall so **if you arrive without your programme you will need to wait until everyone is seated** so we can be sure there is a seat for you. The programmes are colour coded and have the date on.
- Due to fire regulations and also because children move around the sides and back of the hall **people will need to remain seated and push chairs and buggies will need to be left outside the hall.**
- You are welcome to take photos but please remember that these must not be uploaded to social media platforms.
- The school will be unlocked at 6.30 and children should not arrive before then.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths