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Dear Parents

School Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received our 'Learner of the Week' awards on Monday:

Daniel Wood 6TH	Arthur Thomason 3LW
Sammy Shrubsall 6BH	Ava Prendergast 2BR
Elliot Willis 5LO	Felix Pether 2NT
Emily Williams 5NR	Isla Maguire 1LB
Scarlet Essex 4RB	Bethany Dixon 1LB
Maisie Mae Turner 4CJ/AC	Rose Casey 1SH
Erin Wilson 3SJ	

PTA

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Christmas Bazaar. We are still seeking donations of filled jars and hamper goodies so please do send these in if you are able to.

Please return your raffle ticket stubs with your money to the school office. More raffle tickets are also available.

Don't forget next Friday is the Christmas Bazaar and as always we will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation.

Christmas Performances Y3/4/5 Ticket Requests

The Christmas performances are on the following dates and times:

YR/1/2

Tuesday 12th December 9.20am and 2.30pm

Wednesday 13th December 9.20am

Y3/4/5

Monday 18th December 7pm

Tuesday 19th December 9.30am and 7pm

There will be enough tickets for each family to have 2 tickets. This could be 2 tickets at the same performance or one ticket for one performance and one ticket for another performance. If you require tickets for the **Y3/4/5** performance please fill out the slip at the end of the newsletter and return this by Friday 8th December. You will then receive a programme during the week commencing 11th December which will be your ticket for your seat. We will not be able to allow you into the hall without your programme until everyone else is seated. **Please note that in all these performances people will need to remain seated so as not to block fire exits and push chairs and buggies will need to be left outside the hall.**

The reply slip for YR/1/2 performances was sent out in last week's newsletter so please return this by Friday 1st December if you would like tickets. Programmes will be sent out during the week commencing 4th December.

Carol Service in Church Y2 - 6

This will take place on Monday 11th December as soon as all the children are in church. Hopefully, we will start by 9.45am. As always, parents are welcome to attend. The year 1s are busy learning songs and dances for their Christmas performance and we don't want to overload them with learning all the carols for church as well. This means that only Y2 – 6 will be going to the church. The Year 1 children will be included at Easter.

Live Nativity

We are looking forward to the Live Nativity again this year organised by St Mary's church. It is on Sunday 10th December and starts at 3pm in the town square then processes down to the church for the play, music and other activities. Hopefully we will see lots of you there. Our talented school choir will be singing.

Christmas dinner

Please find attached details of the Christmas dinner on Thursday 14th December. Please note that the reply slip must be returned by Friday 8th December.

Class Assembly

A reminder that next week it is 3SJ's assembly. If you would like to attend please come to school at 10.40am and sign in at the school office. The assembly will last 15 minutes.

Social Media

We acknowledge that social media can be a very useful tool. However, we have been very upset over the last couple of weeks by a small minority of people using social media inappropriately to air their grievances rather than following the correct procedures.

Please remember that your first port of call should be to come in and talk to us. We will take your concerns seriously and follow them all up. It is completely inappropriate to name other people's children on social media and this is very upsetting for parents.

e-Safety

We have been made aware of some concerns around YouTube videos proclaiming to be aimed at children. Please see the attached sheet for further details.

Fundraising for the library

Book Sale

On Tuesday 5th December we have an Usbourne book sale after school in the meeting room. Catalogues have been sent home today and include lots of beautiful non-fiction, fiction and sticker books. There will be some to purchase on the day plus they will be taking orders which will be delivered within 10 days. Please have a look at their full range at www.usbournebooksathome.co.uk. The library will earn up to 60% to spend on new books.

Scholastic Books

Our school is able to earn commission from any purchases made at www.scholastic.co.uk. Follow the link to find our school and enter our postcode (CM6 1EB); you can also have books delivered free of charge to the library.

Non Pupil Days for 2018/2019

Last week we sent out the term dates for **next academic year**. Here are the non-pupil days for 2018/2019:

Tuesday 4th September
Friday 19th October
Monday 25th February
Friday 28th June
Monday 1st July

Forthcoming events

Week commencing Monday 27th November	
Wednesday 10.45am	3SJ Class Assembly – parents please arrive at 10.40am
Friday	Year 6 – School Journey Option 1 Instalment 1 due
Friday	Deadline for reply slips for tickets to the YR/1/2 Christmas performance
Friday 3.30pm – 5.30pm	Christmas Bazaar and non-uniform day

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths

Tickets for Y3/4/5 Christmas Performance

Two tickets are available for each family. This could be two tickets for the same performance or one ticket for one and one ticket for another performance. We are afraid that each family is limited to two tickets. If there are spare tickets, we will let you know when these are in the office and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Child's name _____ Class _____

I would like the following tickets (please circle as appropriate)

1 2 for Monday 18th December at 7.00pm

1 2 for Tuesday 19th December at 9.30am

1 2 for Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm

Signed _____