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Dear Parents

School Awards

The following children received our 'Learner of the Week' awards on Monday:

6TH	Elena Nikolova and Angelo Avram	3SJ	Freddie McCulloch
6BH	Alfie Read	3LW	Gamu Nyatsuro
5LO	Jack Lattimore	2BR	Alice Terry
5NR	Jamie Bibb	2NT	Carlyle Marcelle- Ives
4RB	George Myers	1LB	Jake Luciani
4CJ/AC	Albert Myers	1SH	Sebastian Barton

Clubs next week

There will be no KS1 clubs on Tuesday after school next week due to the Christmas Shows.

There will also be no gymnastics club on Tuesday lunchtime *and* after school as the chairs will be out for the performances. Homework club has now finished for the term. All other clubs will run as normal. **Please note, there will be no clubs at all on the last three days of term.**

Online Safety

Miss Bussell, our computing coordinator, has produced another leaflet for keeping children safe online. This one focuses on apps and is being sent out alongside this newsletter.

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 ones 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.

Christmas Productions

The programmes for the Year R, 1 and 2 production (including any extras that were requested) have now been distributed. Please check that you have received the programmes for the correct date and time. If you have not yet requested a ticket please contact the office.

The programmes for the Year 3, 4 and 5 will be distributed on Monday with extras following towards the end of next week.

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 Lunch and Christmas Jumpers

As you know, our Christmas day is next Thursday, 14th December. This day will also be our Christmas jumper day in support of Save the Children. If your child wishes to wear a Christmas jumper (school trousers and skirts as usual) then please send them to school with a donation for this charity.

School meals

Please note a change to the menu next week – Wednesday will be our very popular All Day Breakfast as Thursday is our Christmas lunch.

Also, could you please ensure all dinner money account debts are cleared before the end of term? Any queries regarding online payments or the provision of school meals should be addressed to the office.

Christmas Post boxes

Please make sure that all Christmas cards are posted in the school post boxes with the class name on the front of the envelope. Please do not include sweets.

PE Kit

PE lessons take place outside even in the cold weather. Please ensure your child has a tracksuit otherwise they will not be allowed to take part. All PE kit should be kept in school and returned if worn to an after school club as we do not have enough spares.

Parking

We have had a number of reports of illegal parking by parents, particularly near to the T-junction. We do understand that in colder weather you want to get as close to the school as possible but the school is in a residential area and you should be considerate to the local residents as well as complying with traffic regulations. Parking permit applications are available from the school for the Chequers Lane car park. You could also park in Jalsa Ghar or Tesco's and walk to the school.

Parents evening

Consultations with class teachers will be taking place on Monday 15th January between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and Wednesday 17th January between 5.30pm and 8.30pm. An e-mail will be sent next week with the forms which should be returned by the end of term.

Forthcoming events

Outlined below are the events taking place up until the end of term:

Week commencing Monday 11th December	
Monday - 9.45am	Carol Service in Church – Years 2 – 6. Parents are welcome.
Tuesday - 9.20am	YR, 1 and 2 Christmas production
Tuesday - 2.30pm	YR, 1 and 2 Christmas production
Wednesday - 9.20am	YR, 1 and 2 Christmas production
Thursday	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Week commencing Monday 18th December	
Monday – 7pm	Y3-5 Christmas production
Tuesday – 9.30am	Y3-5 Christmas production
Tuesday – 7pm	Y3-5 Christmas production
Wednesday	Christmas parties and last day of term

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths