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Dear Families

We have just one week left of what has been a very busy Autumn term. We have lots planned for next week and we have managed to logistically organise a trip to Church for our Christmas Service. What a joy that we can all be in church together to celebrate Christmas.

I would like to personally thank Mr Fitt for his efforts in securing three mini-buses with drivers, so that we can take all our children and staff to our Church next week. It really will make a difference.

Seasons greetings.

Mrs Sharrock

IMPORTANT - CHARTWELLS NEW MEAL ORDERING SYSTEM

Please can we remind you to activate your ParentPay account **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. So far, nineteen parents have activated their accounts and only six parents have chosen meals for week commencing 16th January, when the new meal ordering system goes 'live'.

To ensure that your child has a Chartwells meal from 16th January, the deadline for ordering is by midnight, Thursday 5th January 2023.

If you need assistance, please contact the school office before the end of next week.

In summary,

- We have now provided you with your own unique activation code and you will be required to login to the link provided to set up your account.
- You **MUST** order the exact meal in advance for your child on the days you require them to have a hot meal.
- Medical diets and lifestyle can be selected at the point of ordering; medical evidence is still required for allergies.
- You will book your meals through ParentPay.
- For children who currently receive a FSM or a UIFSM, these will still be free but you must select a meal via ParentPay.
- We will continue to order meals for FSM and UIFSM up until 16th January.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

December's 'Book of the Month' display has been created by Ms Lyle. She has chosen two fantastic books, one for each Key Stage.

'Cockatoos' by Quentin Blake is a story about the eccentric Professor Dupont who tries to track down his troupe of brightly coloured cockatoos, who are always just one step ahead of him. There are 10 cockatoos hidden around the school for the children to find!

'Beyond the Deepwoods - The Edge Chronicles' by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell is the story of Twig and his journey through the Deepwoods. There is a wonderful map on display, showing his journey.



GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS AFTER CHRISTMAS

Chris Eaton is a West Sussex Music Associate Teacher who visits the school each week. He offers group (£8) or individual lessons (£13 or £20) to year 3 and above. Instruments can be hired from West Sussex Music and help towards paying for lessons might be possible for some families.

Here is a video which demonstrates the different guitar styles Chris teaches - <https://youtu.be/oj45J3hCRKA>

To apply for lessons, please contact Chris directly ceguitar@outlook.com
His website is www.chriseatonguitar.com

THE SALVATION ARMY – CHRISTMAS PARCEL PROJECT

We have a collection box in the entrance hall for donations to make up food parcels for the Salvation Army Christmas Parcel Project. Thank you for your support.



THANK YOU!

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Haskins Garden Centre who kindly donated a Christmas tree this year. It looked amazing at Elfridges and is now on display in the school hall.



Dates for 2022/2023

Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Disco
Tue 13 th Dec	Ash / Willow Nativity to parents (2pm)
Wed 14 th Dec	Ash / Willow Nativity to parents (6pm)
Thurs 15 th Dec	Christmas Service at St John the Baptist Church (10am)
Thurs 15 th Dec	Findon Village Walking Nativity – Choir (6.15 pm)
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Party Please remember to send in £2 contribution/ Father Christmas visit
Sun 18 th Dec	9 Lessons and Carols at St John the Baptist Church – Choir (4 pm)
Tues 3 rd Jan	INSET Day
Wed 4 th Jan	Back to school
Fri 6 th Jan	KS2 Premier Education Netball Club starts KS2 Chelsea Soccer Club starts