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Dear Families

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. We started this week with an assembly on the meaning of Advent and over the next 2 weeks, we will be thinking about what it means to wait for something.

Reception and KS1 have been busy rehearsing this week and we have even had one of Santa's elves in school to do some cooking with the children.

All the children have been busy working on their contribution to the hall displays, which have a Christmas theme.

On Thursday, the children did a brilliant job when we practised a fire evacuation. We managed to be out, assembled and checked, in 2 minutes and 42 seconds. Amazing!

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

STAFFING UPDATES

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited two new teaching assistants, one will be joining Early Years and one will be joining the KS2 team. We look forward to welcoming these two new members of staff to our hardworking and nurturing team.

Mrs Price will be leaving us in January following a month long break in Australia as she wishes to return to a teaching role. We wish her all the very best.

ASH AND WILLOW



Please remember to bring in Christmas Nativity costumes on Monday, 5th December.

GUITAR CONCERT

Oak Class families, we hope you can come along to see the children perform on Thursday 8th December at 11 am in the school hall.



THE SALVATION ARMY – CHRISTMAS PARCEL PROJECT

This Christmas, we are helping Worthing Salvation Army with donations to make up food parcels for those in need. At tomorrow's school assembly, Sarah Justice, Christmas Appeal Coordinator, is visiting to talk to the children about the Christmas Parcel Project.



Please have a look at the attached poster that has suggested donation items. If you would like to support this vital local project, **please bring in donations to school**, which we will pass on to the Salvation Army. Thank you for your support.

CHOIR – LIGHT UP THE VILLAGE, SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

The event starts at 5.30 pm on Sunday, so could the Christmas Choir be at Pond Green at 5.15 pm. Children do not need to wear school uniform, but please wrap up warmly. We will bring lyric sheets but if you have song words, try to remember to bring them so that we have plenty of copies.

We will sing -

Once in Royal David's City
Away in a Manger
The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy
In the Bleak Midwinter



There will be a break and then we will finish with
We Three Kings
When Children Rule the World
We Wish you a Merry Christmas

CHARTWELLS NEW MEAL ORDERING SYSTEM

As you are aware, a new meal ordering system is coming to schools in West Sussex. The launch date for ordering meals is Monday 5th December. This week, we have sent home activation letters from ParentPay to all children in Ash and Willow and to children who have a hot meal or a Free School Meal, in Rowan, Holly and Oak. If you have not received a letter, and your child currently receives lunch, please contact us. If in the future, you would like to book hot meals, please contact the school office and we will be able to give you ParentPay activation details.

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.

LOCALITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 football teams, who battled hard against some tough competition from the other schools yesterday afternoon. Although they did not finish in the top half of the table, the boys never gave up and improved with each game.



THANK YOU, FINDON SHEEP FAIR COMMITTEE

The Governors would like to say thank you publicly to the Findon Sheep Fair Committee for their kind donation of £2,200 to the Governors' School Fund; this is much appreciated by us all: Governors, staff and pupils.

In a C of E Aided School, like ours, the Governors have to fund raise 10% of the amount for any capital project in school. This kind donation will enable us to release the remaining 90% of any funds, as provided by central government, for projects to enhance our school infrastructure and hence our offering to our stakeholders.

At this year's Sheep Fair the Governors ran the lottery ticket stall to help to raise funds for the Sheep Fair (which have ultimately contributed to this kind donation).

Additionally, the Findon Garden Centre kindly gave to school the takings from their Sheep Fair car parking charges.

Thank you again from us all and you can be assured that we will gladly assist with similar fund raising at next year's Sheep Fair.

Thank you also to the Sheep Fair Committee for all the hard work that they put in to make this such a special and worthwhile event for our community.

John Roche
Chair of Governors

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We understand walking to and from school is an ideal opportunity to walk dogs. However, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is paramount. So, please ensure dogs (except for guide dogs) are not brought onto school grounds.

We would ask you to pass on this information to other adults who bring and/or collect your child(ren) from school.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

A last minute call for Elfridges slips to be returned ASAP please. We need slips back, so we know how much your child has to spend and on who of course! We cannot wait for Monday 5th December to see your children throughout the day and enjoy the magical Elfridges experience. Please remember to supply a named shopping bag on the day and do not forget that payment and collection is from the Elfridges marquee on the playground at the end of the day.

The Christmas School Disco letter was sent home yesterday, so please can we have the reply slips back by Wednesday 7th December. You can pay by card (See Natalie Luke or Cheryl Kidd) or cash/cheque, made payable to Findon St. John the Baptist PTA.



Elf Trail reminder - this will be taking place from Saturday 17th December until Friday 23rd December. If you live centrally in the village and would like to host a cheeky Elf in your garden or front window, please let us know soon.

Please email findonpta@gmail.com with any queries or questions.
Happy December to you all - let the festivities begin!

Many thanks from the PTA Team



Dates for Autumn Term 2022

(New information in red)

Sun 4 th Dec	Findon Village Light up the Square - (Choir, please arrive at 5.15 pm & event starts at 5.30 pm)
Mon 5 th Dec	PTA Event – Elfridges
	KS1 Angmering Half Mile Cross Country – 3.45 pm
Thurs 8 th Dec	Oak Class Guitar Concert- parents welcome (11 am)
Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Disco – See letter sent home 1/12/22
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 (Venue TBC)
Thurs 15 th Dec	Findon Village Walking Nativity – Choir (6.15 pm)
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Party – See letter sent home today/ Father Christmas visit
Sun 18 th Dec	9 Lessons and Carols at St John the Baptist Church – Choir (4 pm)
Tues 3rd Jan	INSET Day
Wed 4th Jan	Back to school