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Dear Families

We have one more week to go in what has been a very busy Autumn term. Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children did a brilliant job performing their Nativity this week. I am so proud of them. The singing was beautiful, they all remembered their lines and the costumes looked stunning!

Elfridges took place on Thursday and our PTA and volunteers did a great job of planning, organising and running this event. It was a great success and I would like to say a big thank you to our PTA and volunteers. I would also like to thank our Year 6 children who spent the day helping out the younger children with choosing, paying and then wrapping presents. Well done Year 6! Finally, I would like to thank our parents for your continued support with this event. The PTA will confirm the amount raised in due course.

We are all preparing for Christmas and as the holiday season approaches, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I hope you are able to enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation surrounded by warmth and love.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.

Jane Sharrock

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We would really appreciate any outstanding £2 contributions towards the children's Christmas party, which is next Friday. We will be shopping shortly, so cash donations would be appreciated as soon as possible, please.

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to the request.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Our Christmas Jumper Day coincides with Chartwells Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 18th December, so children can come to school in a Christmas jumper or a jumper that has 'Christmassy' colours. **Full uniform is as normal, apart from not wearing a school sweatshirt or cardigan.**

This is optional and there is no need to go out and buy something new. Donations are not being collected. Children will have the opportunity to dress up in their party clothes on Friday, 20th December.

REMINDER - OPEN AFTERNOON

We are holding an Open Afternoon on Monday 16th December from 3:20pm until 4:15pm to give children the opportunity to share their learning from this term with their parents. Our children are very proud of the learning that they produce and this will give our parents and carers the chance to see some of it and catch up with the class teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

REMINDER - MUSIC CONCERT

We are holding a music concert on **Thursday 19th December at 2.30pm** to celebrate some of the music from this term including pieces from the choir, boys' vocal group and the recorder club. Holly class will be performing a piece they have been working on as part of their new style weekly music lesson. Mr Eaton will also be coming in to share what our guitarists have been doing too. What a lovely way to end the term.

REMINDERS - CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

We would love you to join us in celebrating this special time of year at our school Christmas service on Tuesday, 17th December at 9am. Oak Class will be leading the service.



FINDON SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE – ELF TRAIL

The Elf Trail takes place around Findon Village between 17/12 - 24/12. Elves and clues will be put up around the village for people to follow on a map, collect the codes and answer on their map. This year all funds raised go to Findon Swimming Pool.

The maps and trail bags are available to be purchased from the Findon Village shop between 17/12 - 24/12. We hope this will be a fun activity for all the family.

We are looking for a few more homes who are willing to display an 'Elf' outside their house in Findon Village and also for people who are willing to display an estate agent's board advertising the trail. Please contact the Mick, (Pool Chairman), if you can help: rawenergypursuits@gmail.com



DATES FOR THE AUTUMN & SPRING TERMS

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check **this list and update your diaries.**



DECEMBER

Mon 16 December	Open Afternoon (3.30pm)
Tues 17 December	Christmas Service – Oak Class will be leading the service (9am) Last Boys' Vocal Club KS1 Santa Dash (3.45pm)
Wed 18 December	Chartwells Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Last KS2 Premier Education Badminton Club
Thurs 19 December	Music Concert – parents invited (2.30pm) Last KS1 Premier Education Gymnastics Club
Fri 20 December	Christmas party lunch (Chartwells lunches will not be served) £2 donation please Last day of term
Sun 22 December	Family Service of Carols and Readings at St John the Baptist Church (3pm) & Choir

JANUARY 2025

Mon 6 January	INSET Day
Tues 7 January	Back to school
Fri 10 January	Rainbow Theatre - Cinderella Pantomime for whole school (pm) Chelsea FC After School Club restarts: Y1 – Y4
Mon 13 January	Wannado Street Dance Club starts: Y1 – Y6 O2 choir rehearsals start (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
Tues 14 January	Year 1 & Year 2 Instrumental Club starts (3.15pm – 4pm) – details to follow Boys' Vocal Club Y2-Y6 (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
Thurs 16 January	KS2 Recorder Club (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
Tues 21 January	O2 Trip

FEBRUARY 2025

Wed 12 February	Reception assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
17-21 February	Half-term break
Mon 24 February	Back to school
Tues 25 February	Parents evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Wed 26 February	Parents evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

