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Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter into the final weeks of this term we have a busy schedule of events and lots to look forward to leading up to the final day of term on Friday 16th December – just to remind you that we finish our school day at 1.30pm that day. As always, please continue to check the whiteboard at the front of the school or information in related letters for updates regarding the wide variety of Christmas experiences, as well as the learning, that will be packed in to the 10 remaining school days.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Children in Need Day. We raised a grand total of £373.15. The children enjoyed placing their pocket money on our life size Pudsey Bear picture (thanks must go to our talented artist, Matilda Arnold in Year 5), as well as buying a variety of home-baked cakes (thank you to everyone who provided cakes for us to sell). Thanks must also go to Maria Speirs for providing us with a wonderful cake to raffle; the lucky winner was Amelia Ambridge in Year 5 and I hear the whole family thought it was delicious.

Forest Day

Forest day was a huge success and enjoyed by children, staff and our volunteer parents. The children got to experience using a variety of different tools, such as saws and potato peelers (who'd have thought) whilst creating different types of forest crafts, some of which will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre on Friday. Thank you to all our parent helpers who contributed to the success of the day and also to our parents who very kindly sourced and delivered the wood and sticks for us.

Grounds Day

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, who turned out to help us last Saturday. Luckily the weather was on our side and we managed to tidy up the Early Years outside space, the main playground and the woodland area to ensure it was safe and ready for the children to enjoy their forest school experiences. It was great to see so many of you there.

Winchester Science Centre – Planetarium Visit

Hopefully, you will have all read our letter regarding the planetarium visit on Tuesday. We were all extremely disappointed that the event was unable to go ahead, we attempted to problem solve the situation in a number of ways but unfortunately it wasn't to be. We have been in contact with the Winchester Science Centre and they have quite rightly offered a full refund. All those parents who contributed towards the cost of the planetarium visit will of course receive a full refund in due course. As well as this they have also offered us, as a

gesture of goodwill, another 'Science Experience' during the new spring term. We will obviously keep you updated with the details as soon as this has been arranged.

After-school Science Club

Keeping with the theme of Science, we have been in contact with a company called 'Mad Science' who offer an after-school 'hands-on Science Club. They are coming in to deliver a whole school assembly on Monday 9th January to launch the club. The club is open to children from Year 1 upwards and we would need a minimum of 15 children to enable the club to run. Details regarding which day the club will run and the costing will be sent out to you in a letter after the launch assembly.

Electronic Communication

Testing will be taking place over the next two weeks regarding electronic communication, please ensure that you have given the office your current contact details. Whilst testing is taking place, there will still be hard copies coming home to ensure that no-one is being missed electronically. Electronic communication will begin in January 2017. If you would prefer to receive hard copies of newsletters and other generated school letters, then please inform the office of your preference.

Christmas Events at Burley Primary

Christmas kicks off with our Christmas Fayre this evening from 5pm to 7pm; letters have previously gone out with all the details. KS1 will be bringing a touch of Christmas to Burley, when they perform their Nativity Concert on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December, this begins at 10am, however refreshments will be served in the school hall from 9am onwards, so please feel free to enjoy a hot drink and maybe a mince pie before the Nativity begins – don't forget to bring your tissues!

KS2 are presenting their Carol Concert on Tuesday 13th December, beginning at 6pm. Please can you drop your children off at 5.30 so the children can be organised for a prompt start. Again, there will be refreshments available from 5.30pm in the Library for you to enjoy. Letters regarding ticket allocation for all our concerts were sent home last week.

Our school Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 13th December, where there will be the usual traditional Christmas lunch on offer, as well as a vegetarian option.

There will be separate letters coming home shortly regarding details of the children's classroom Christmas parties.

On Friday 16th December, you are invited to join us at St. John the Baptist Church for our Christmas Church Service, the children will be singing some of their songs they have learned over the past few weeks, as well as contributing with some readings. The service will begin at approximately 9.30am.

Christmas Tree Festival at St. John The Baptist

The annual Christmas tree festival begins on the 8th December. As in previous years, Burley Primary will have two trees on display, KS1 and KS2 and they will be decorated in a 'forest

style'. The children will all have an opportunity to walk to church with their classes over the next two weeks to have a look at, what I am told, is a beautiful display.

Choir

Our School choir recently had the opportunity to go and sing in our local community. The children sang beautifully and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. They all came back with beaming smiles and were eager to share how the morning had gone. Thanks must go to Mrs Sue Desborough who leads our weekly singing assembly and runs the school choir club after school on a Thursday.

Parking

Just a reminder, as a polite request, could you please refrain from parking directly outside of school during dropping off and picking up times. This is to ensure that our children are safe at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

Village Cinema

There will be an afternoon cinema showing of 'Jungle Book' starting at 3pm. There is a poster on our gate, check out the details.

Goodbye and Hello

We say farewell to Mrs Corinne White who has been our School Cook for just over a year, she has supplied us with many delicious meals and we wish her well in her new ventures. We say hello to Kathryn Smithers who has taken over the role and welcome her to our school family.

As always, thank you for your continued support and we hope you and the children enjoy their learning and festive celebrations leading up to the end of term.

Kind Regards

Sarah Harvey
Head of School