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Dear Parents,

Reception Christmas Newsletter

It will soon be December, and I am sure that you are all as busy as we are preparing for the Festive Season. Although you have already been notified of the important dates for this term, I am writing now to give you the details.

This year our Reception children will be performing a short musical called 'Jingle Bell Rock' on the following dates:-

- Thursday, 1st December at 2.30 p.m. (Oak & Maple classes).
- Friday, 2nd December at 2.30 p.m. (Cherry & Tulip classes).

We would like to be able to invite everybody to attend these presentations, but unfortunately we have to strictly adhere to Health and Safety regulations. This means that **each child** will be allocated **ONLY 2 TICKETS**. Young children will need to use the crèche provided, or alternative arrangements will have to be made. Older children (over 3 yrs) may be admitted but they will have to use 1 of the allocated tickets. **As children count in our Health & Safety figures, they will not be permitted to share a seat with an adult.**

Please complete and return the attached slip by **Monday, 28th November** so that tickets can be issued.

There will be a collection taken at the end of the celebration, with donations going to our Christmas charity, which this year is for the Kids Inspire charity.

Crèche during Performances

Should you require a place in the crèche, please complete the attached slip and return to school by **Monday, 28th November**.

If you are able to help with the crèche during either of the YR performances or any of Year 1 and Year 2 performances, please complete and return the attached slip by **Monday, 28th November**. Crèche volunteers do not need a DBS check as school staff will be present.



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CHRISTMAS POST BOX

This will be situated outside the hall from Thursday, 1st December. Please ensure the **class teacher** and the **surname** of the child is also written on the outside of the envelope as every year some cards are posted with no writing on the front of the envelope. Unfortunately, due to data protection restrictions we are unable to provide class lists.

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER/CHRISTMAS CLOTHES DAY

Children may wear their Christmas Jumpers to raise funds for Save the Children. There will be a bucket at the front entrances in the morning for donations for Save the Children.

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS MARKET

This event, organised by SMILE, is popular with both staff and children - it is a very special occasion when the children are allowed to shop independently. This gives them the opportunity to make decisions about how best to spend their money when buying gifts for their family.

Could children please bring no more than £5.00 in a **named** purse and a named carrier bag. This will cover the cost of a drink and a cake as well as gifts for the family. Children may buy up to 5 gifts. Donations of small cakes should be sent to school on Tuesday morning. **Shop bought cakes only please due to the impact of Natasha's Law.** Many thanks.

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH

The children's Christmas party lunch will be on **Wednesday, 14th December**. The children will have a party style lunch in a Christmas box (Happy meal style). They will have finger food e.g. sandwich/pizza slice/cake etc. Further information will be sent out in due course.

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER - FC VISIT AND CLASS PARTIES. **CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

During the day Father Christmas will be visiting school to share stories and poems with the children. He is very busy preparing for Christmas at the moment, so will not be bringing individual presents for the children, but will give them a sticker to help them remember him until Christmas day.

TUESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER

School finishes at 3.15 p.m. as normal and starts again on Thursday, 5th January 2023.

The last weeks of term are filled with excitement in school, but we are all taking time to also remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Jane Landa-Arrese (Mrs.)
Headteacher

Child's name **Class**

I would like *1/*2 tickets for the Christmas Presentation on:

Thursday 1st December at 2.30 p.m. - **Oak & Maple classes.**

Friday 2nd December at 2.30 p.m. - **Cherry & Tulip classes.**

***PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE**

Child's name.....**Class**

I am able to help with the crèche during the following YR/Y1/Y2 performances: -

Thursday, 1st December at 2.30 p.m.

Friday, 2nd December at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 7th December at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday, 8th December at 9.45 a.m.

Friday, 9th December at 2.00 p.m.

It would be helpful if you could arrive 15 minutes before the start of the performances. Please indicate below if you will have your own child/children with you in the crèche.

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Name of child **Age**

.....
Child's name **Class**

I would like to leavein the crèche on *Thursday, 1st December/*Friday 2nd December at 2.30 p.m.

She/he is in the following age group: -

0-6 months/6-12 months/1-2 years/2-3 years/Over 3 years*

***Please delete as applicable**

I understand that the school and the organisers accept no liability for any unforeseen incidents, which may occur.

My child will bring his/her own toys.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Please note: - Crèche will only be available if we have enough volunteers. If we do not have enough volunteers to run the crèche you will need to make alternative child care arrangements.