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Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter has well and truly arrived! Many thanks for your support with ensuring children have brought warm coats to school this week. The cold snap is here to stay for a while and we would ask that children are provided with warm clothes for PE, in the form of joggers, jumpers and possibly gloves. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and, wherever the weather permits, some PE lessons will continue outdoors.

Our children continue to impress us with their good behaviour around school and their motivation and commitment to their learning. Despite the excitement of Christmas, the vast majority of children are working hard and being kind. Rehearsals for the Carol Concert on Tuesday 20th December continue in earnest and it has been lovely to hear the sound of singing around school; I am really looking forward to welcoming you all to the performances at 9.20am and 3.30pm.

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to the foodbank collection. For many families, especially this year, Christmas is a tricky time in terms of finances and we know that many in our local community are increasingly reliant on foodbanks to feed their families. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can continue being brought in right up until the last day of term.

The school held its Annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children who, this year, are raising money for mothers and babies in Kenya. Through direct cash donations and many donations made through the Just Giving page, the school has raised over £100, which takes our school fundraising for national/international causes to over £450 this term.

Earlier this week, links were sent out to sign-up forms for three different after-school clubs next half term: Homework club, Newspaper Club and Mindfulness Colouring club. A letter for Year 5/6 dodgeball club has also been sent home. Please sign up without delay to avoid disappointment!

You will have received an email about Rattle and Roll providing our wraparound care from the New Year. Whilst this is a change, we are envisaging a smooth transition which will result in no significant changes to you or your children to begin with. Our existing staff have been offered the chance to continue working with Rattle and Roll and meetings will be happening over the next couple of weeks. For parents, there is a meeting on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 4.30pm where Rattle and Roll will introduce themselves and give parents the opportunity to ask any questions.

Finally, I have dealt with a few queries about the current concerns around Strep A related illnesses. We forwarded to parents some guidance we received earlier this week about symptoms and what parents should look for if their children are ill. As a school, we are well-versed in good hygiene habits since the Covid-19 Pandemic. Children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly and use the hand-sanitiser pumps on entry to the classroom. We will always ring parents if we are concerned that children are unwell.

Dates for your diary

Friday 16th December 2022	Year 3 and 4 Christmas parties Year 6 Cake Sale after school
Monday 19th December 2022	Year 5 and 6 Christmas parties
Tuesday 20th December 2022	Carol Concerts 9.20am 3.30pm – 4.30pm children are asked to stay after school
Wednesday 21st December 2022	Christmas Cake Decorating Competition Last day of term
Wednesday 4th January 2022	First day back of Spring term
Friday 6th January 2022	INSET day – school closed to children

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ruth Kyle – Head of School