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Dear parents,

PTA Christmas Fair Today!

### **Christmas Play and Nativity**

Acorn Class will be performing their Nativity Play in the church at **9.30am on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings next week**. The church band will also be performing some Christmas carols at the start and end of each performance. The school play for pupils in Beech, Lime, Oak, Pine and Willow kicks off with the dress rehearsal on **Monday morning at 9.30am**. Please feel free to bring aunts, uncles, grandparents and brothers and sisters to this one as we have to restrict numbers for the more popular evening performances.

The evening performances start at 5.30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and we expect them to finish at about 7pm. The children should be in school by 5.10pm. Fire regulations mean that the number of people we can have in the hall, including pupils and staff, is limited by the size of the hall and the number of fire exits. People standing at the back or younger siblings sitting on laps still have to be included in the total number. If you haven't done so already, please return the request slip to the office as soon as possible so that we can put your name on the list for Tuesday or Wednesday evening. Two names per family only. There will be a video of the school play on the website as soon as possible after the performance.

### **School Christmas Lunch**

Christmas lunch will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please place your order on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. Foundation, Years 1 and 2 are free of charge; Years 3 to 6 are £2.30 per meal. Please see the menu attached.

### **Spring Term Changes**

#### **Yoga**

Oak Class will be having Yoga sessions after Christmas with a new Yoga teacher, Ms Vicky Thomas. Miss Peet will be working with Ms Thomas during the lesson and learning some of the techniques to share across the school.

#### **PE**

Lime Class will be having their Thursday PE lesson with Chris from Ignite Sports in place of Yoga. Chris has been running our sports lunch clubs each Wednesday and Thursday this term which have proved very popular with the children.

## Spellings

From January, children in Years 2-6 will be taught spellings by their class teachers with support from their teaching assistants. This will replace separate spellings groups. As with their other lessons, the teachers will plan carefully to make sure that children are supported and challenged with their spelling. We are sure that this will encourage children to view spellings as an integrated part of their literacy learning and be applied to writing across the curriculum.

## Thank you from Miss Burgess!

Miss Burgess wanted to say thank you to Beech Class parents who have supported her new morning routines in the classroom. She is very impressed at how independent the children have been in coming in on their own and settling to their morning activities.

## Christmas Jumper Day

By popular request the children are welcome to take part in Christmas Jumper Day next Friday with a donation, if you would like to Save the Children. Please see flyer attached for more details.

## Puzzle

Here is the solution to the previous puzzle.



This week's puzzle

The word game DOUBLET was invented by Lewis Carroll. The object of the game is to change a word into another word by successively changing only one letter at the time to form an intermediate valid word. For example, the following process changes the word TEN to JOY:

T	E	N
T	O	N
T	O	Y
J	O	Y

Using similar process, change the word

G	I	F	T
TO			
L	O	V	E

**Diary Dates**

PTA Christmas Fair	3.15pm Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
School Play (not Acorn)	5.30pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
	5.30pm Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Nativity Play – Acorn	9.30am Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at the church
	9.30am Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at the church
Christmas Lunch	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Pantomime (in school)	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
School Closes	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm
INSET	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
School reopens	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Half Term	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Easter Holidays	30 <sup>th</sup> March – 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Class Photos	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
School Reopens	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June
School Closes	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher