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Dear All

Hold onto your hats. The next few weeks are **BUSY!** It might also be a good idea to bring a hat and a coat to school over the next few weeks/ months as it is winter and it is **COLD!** Just a thought!

Nativity tickets orders have now been 'processed' and are being sent home today. Spare tickets have been allocated by pulling names out of the hat! Sorry if you didn't get your extras but we have been as fair as possible. We look forward to seeing those attending on 12th and 13th December.

The 'Carol Concert Choir' have been practising very hard with Mrs Aylett and we are looking forward to seeing the polished performance on Monday evening at the City Hall. We received a very small allocation of tickets for this event, so sorry if you are disappointed. Please let us know if you are flexible and willing to get tickets at the last minute, as we do sometimes get some returned, when people are ill.

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is tomorrow after school. Please do come and support the school. It is usually a great way to kick-start the festive season!

Coats and bags should be left in classrooms please if children are attending this event with you. They will be sent out to you as usual! They will need to return to their classrooms to collect their things when you leave the Bazaar!



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX: MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2017

The school "Christmas Post Box" will be placed in the school hall from **Monday 4th December**. Christmas cards should not be brought to school before that time. All cards should be placed in the box addressed with FULL NAME (first and second name) and CLASS. Please remember this is only for school cards! Please do not confuse this with the scouts either! This is an internal school delivery service only!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MEAL: THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE HAS CHANGED FROM THE SCHOOL CALENDAR! In preparation for the Christmas meal, please indicate on the attached form if you haven't already whether or not you wish to book a Christmas meal for your child. The closing date for ordering the Christmas meal is Monday 4th December. The cost for the meal is **£2:50. Please complete the slip. Please do not pay if your child has Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) or Free School Meals!**

Tomorrow afternoon Owl Class and Y6 choristers will be walking to the Reading Room to sing to some older people and bring them some festive cheer! Miss Smith and Mrs Aylett will be taking charge.

**PLEASE LOOK OVER THE PAGE FOR SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT SCHOOL / HOME COMMUNICATION!**

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMIN OFFICER MRS THORNTON.....

We have recently updated our Home Contact system to Parent Call. It's the same company and using the same information we currently hold on school records, but it's more efficient and will hopefully save the school time and money when we need to contact parents and carers. It gives us the ability to quickly text main contacts in the event of school closure etc., so it's important we have up to date mobile numbers and contact details. If we send out a text, it will be from **SSCPriamary**. Texts cost us money, so we will try to send only one text per family, and will only text home when it is important/urgent! WE WILL CONTINUE TO ALWAYS CALL YOU IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL.

The new system also allows us to send newsletters by email - something many of our families have expressed a preference for. Signing up for electronic newsletters helps us to reduce costs and spread our school budget further.

We will use existing details held for these purposes. If you **do not** wish to receive urgent texts and electronic newsletters, please inform the school office. If it has been a while since you updated your contact details with the school, please help us to keep you informed by checking we have your most current primary phone number and email address.

Thank you Mrs Thornton! (Mrs Thornton has worked really hard to get this updated and set up. Hopefully this will prove really useful to us all!) We intend to get started with this in January 2018 for newsletters! However, if it snows heavily you will hear from us using this system before that!



SNOW PROCEDURES

If the weather turns snowy we will send a text out, put information on the school web-site and also post a message with Spire FM. **We only send a message to say we are closed not to say we are open!** I endeavour to make a decision as early as possible, because we have so many staff members who have long distances to travel and you need to make arrangements too! Please do bear in mind, that we will do our utmost to keep the school open during the winter but a school without teachers is not much good and we also need to be able to feed most of the school! The other major factor is that we do not have a caretaker, so the snow clearing has to be done by myself and willing volunteers. This also relies on me being able to get to school!

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

CHRISTMAS MEAL ORDER FORM

Child's name Class

I would like to order a Christmas meal for my child. YES NO

I would like to order a vegetarian meal for my child. YES NO

My child is entitled to a Free School Meal/ UIFSM YES NO

Signed

MY CHILD WILL BE EATING A PACKED LUNCH ON THE CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY: **YES** Please circle YES and return this if you do not wish to order a meal this will stop us from chasing you up! Thank you.

