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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a term it has been - and still 6 school days of fun and learning to come!

I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate what amazing achievements we have seen from all of our children this week as part of their festive lead up to the Christmas season. The nativity was, I am sure you will agree, superb this year as always and I must congratulate all of the children in Acorns, Conkers, Ash, Maple, Holly and Elm for all of their star performances. It takes a lot to learn all of the songs, words and moves for these performances, let alone to stand up in front of everyone and actually perform. Well done children- you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves for showing such enthusiasm and resilience to ensure it was such a success. I must extend this to all of the staff members in these classes who have worked tirelessly to ensure each and every child was included and had a special part to play. A special mention must go out to Miss Miran for coordinating the full production and overseeing the Hollywood approach to ensure this all ran smoothly- this is no mean feat and I know you will all join me in thanking her and all the team for their love and dedication for the younger children in our school.

On Wednesday night, the children from Key Stage 2 classes all came together to celebrate our Carol Service at St Francis of Assisi church in West Wickham. It was a splendid night where we were able to hear readings and poems from various sources to tell the story of the Birth of Christ and to reflect on the true meaning of what Christmas is about for all of us. I must congratulate all of the readers for being so clear and must say how proud of you I am for standing up in front of all of the congregation to read aloud- this is something that not all adults can do, so well done for showing this strength. All of our children sang their hearts out and, I must add, looked rather festive and it was lovely to hear so many of you as parents and carers joining in the carols. Thank you all for supporting this event and an extension of thanks to my staff who also came along to support as this is an incredibly busy time of year for us all. A special thanks must be recorded to Mr Slack for his role as Musical Director for the evening and for all of the time and effort he has put into the rehearsals this term. I must also mention his parents, Mr and Mrs Slack who came down to the church yesterday morning in order to ensure amps were in place and our beautiful Christmas tree was decorated! What true community spirit this shows across us all.

Our Year 3 children have been very creative this last week in order to ensure our lovely Christmas tree was ready for the Christmas tree festival that is being held at St Francis of Assisi Church. If you do get the



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opportunity to go and support the festival and see the beautiful decorations made by our wonderful year 3 children and team, then please do pop along to the church on the following dates and times: -

- Saturday 14th December – 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Sunday 15th December – 12.00noon – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 18th December – 10.30am – 1.00pm
- Friday 20th December – 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Saturday 21st December – 10.00am – 1.00pm

With Christmas itself fast approaching, I wanted to please remind you all that the weather continues to feel colder and rather bleak so please, please, ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for this time of year with coats as a bare minimum, we still have children coming to school without coats and jumpers. Please do reach out to me if we can help with this in anyway if there are financial constraints as to why this may be the case.

May I also please remind you of an earlier item I shared with you all that we will not be allowing Stanley cups or large pencil cases in school from next term onward as these continue to be rather a distraction for all of our children and groups. I wanted to mention this again as Christmas shopping is well underway!

This is always a time of year when we start to really think of friends and family and how we spend our precious time together to celebrate precious memories and soak up the festive cheer. Last years Homeless campaign was so successful that we are enringing this again this year. Can I please therefore make a final plea for the following items to be in school by Monday 16th December.

1. Adults gloves
2. Adult woolly hats
3. Adult warm socks
4. Adult Scarves
5. Toothpaste
6. Toothbrushes
7. Roll on deodorant
8. Feminine Hygiene items
9. Wipes
10. Chocolate
11. Biscuits

This collection of items will be taken to the local Bromley Salvation Army to ensure these have an impact on our local shelters and homeless provisions over the Christmas period. Some of our children in Year 6 will be joining me and other staff members on Monday to take these goods to the Shelter ourselves. Please do give anything you can to ensure we can support as many people as possible who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Please find attached our sports round for this half of term.



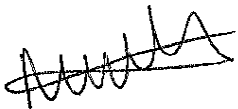
**This week we have celebrated
Values Assembly**

Class	Child's Name	Value
Acorns	Mia	Respect
Conkers	Teigan	Effort
1 Ash	Chloe	Creativity
1 Maple	Thea	Effort
2 Elm	Billy	Effort
2 Holly	Lenny	Fun
3 Cherry	Jasmin	Acceptance
3 Horse Chestnut	Harrison	Responsibility
4 Hazel	n/a – not in assembly	n/a
4 Poplar	n/a – not in assembly	n/a
5 Beech	Isla	Kindness
5 Willow	Nathan	Effort
6 Oak	Luna	Kindness
6 Lime	Summer	Effort

REMINDERS

- ❖ Thurs 19th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
- ❖ Thurs 19th Dec – Christmas Lunch
- ❖ Fri 20th Dec – Last day at school (usual finish time)
- ❖ 7th Jan – First day of term for children

Yours sincerely,



Miss Rebecca Williams
Headteacher

