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Thursday 8th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous week in school with 3 performances of our Christmas Play! Thank you so much for all of your support in organising costumes and coming along to watch. The children will, no doubt, be coming in tomorrow morning full of festive fun and cheer for our 'Christmas Jumper Day'! Donations for wearing non-uniform and Christmas Jumpers can be made for Save the Children using our dedicated page following the link below:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/beverley-hayes-christmas-jumper-day>

The decorations made by all of our children are really looking wonderful, thank you so much for encouraging and supporting your child(ren) to take part. Decorations can still be brought in next week if you have time to enjoy some Christmas craft at home this weekend! The £1.00 entry to this competition can be paid using our School Gateway. Prizes will be given out on Thursday 15th December.

On Monday 12th December it will be our 'Christmas Party Day' where children can come in their 'party clothes'. Please could children bring a packed 'party' lunch from home to enjoy eating in school alongside their friends. Please ensure that your child is warm and comfortable for the day and that they have suitable footwear for playtimes and games.

Next week, on Thursday, our Reception children will walk to the church to take part in the 'Christmas Experience'. Mrs Drysdale, Mr Holt, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Hardy are looking forward to taking the children.

There are lots of things to look forward to next week as we move towards the end of this autumn term! I hope that you have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely



Scarlet Fever

We have had a few cases in school of Scarlet Fever and tonsillitis. We would encourage parents to keep their children off school if poorly and to contact their GP or NHS 111. Children with scarlet fever should stay home for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics to avoid spreading infection to others. Please click on the following link for further guidance and advice:

<https://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/news/advice-on-scarlet-fever-and-group-a-strep>

Christmas Charity Collection

Thank you for all of your support in making donations following each of the performances. Our donations will be sent to Julia's House Children's Hospice in Poole. We will let you know the total raised next week!

Christmas Service

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held in **St Mary's Church on Friday 16th December at 1.30pm.** You are warmly invited to join us. However, please note that seating in the church is limited. As all children will be walking down to the church after lunch we would ask that children eating a packed lunch on this day bring their lunch in fully disposable packaging and that they do not bring book bags into school on this day in order to reduce the amount of bags we need to take to the church. Please ensure that your child has a coat. Following the church service you are free to take your child straight from church to begin your Christmas break. **Please complete the slip below so that your child's class teacher knows the collection arrangements for your child on this day. If your child is a regular bus user please let us know his/her travel arrangements on the last day. It is imperative that we know which children to walk back to school to catch the school bus.**

Filming of the Christmas Performance

Our final performance was professionally filmed by audio/visual specialists. These DVDs will be available to order through our School Gateway for £6.00 per copy.

Christmas Hamper Draw

Thank you to those of you who have already bought tickets via our School Gateway for the School Association Christmas Hamper Competition. There are 3 lovely hampers to be won with donations made by staff in school. Please buy your tickets on School Gateway by 14th December.

Future Dates:

9 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day -Save the Children
12 Dec	Children's Christmas Party Day
15 Dec	Reception Christmas Experience-church
16 Dec	Carol Service 1.30pm St Mary's Church - Parents Welcome!
16 Dec	Last Day of Term



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Collection arrangements for **Friday 16th December 2022** (last day of term) **Please hand into your class teacher**

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

Please tick the statement which applies to you:

I will attend the carol service at 1.30pm and will collect my child from the church.

My child will travel home on the school bus.

I will collect my child from school at 3pm.

My child is booked into Stay and Play Club.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

Name of Parent: _____

