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Head Teacher

Thank you for everyone who has completed the survey in last week's newsletter, if you haven't already done so please could I remind you to do so.

Also thank you for everyone who has left good will messages to Mrs Watts, who will be sadly leaving us at the end of next week. She has worked here for 14 years, and has always shown great compassion for the children, cared for their learning and will be missed by everyone who is at Byfield. We are interviewing next week, and will be able to tell you about arrangements in the foundation stage class in next week's newsletter.

Finally, thank you for your co-operation while we don't have a passageway connecting the two playgrounds. I know this makes drop-off and collection more difficult, especially for those parents with children in both key stages. Unfortunately, this arrangement may last for a couple of weeks. Although removing the fence isn't something we hoped would happen we are now seeing how much money it would cost to level the ground rather than have the bottle neck. It would give children a larger play area, and be easier for access.

PTA

Christmas Fair – Sunday 25th November - bakers of Byfield – can you help? We need cakes for our café at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 25th November. Can you make one and bring it along? Channel your inner Rahul and show us your best bakes. Bring them along to the village hall from 11am. Children will be singing at 1.30pm. Please could they wear something festive – anything from a festive jumper to a sprig of tinsel. Doors open at 1pm – Sunday 25th November.

Non Uniform Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 7th December

Please bring an item for our Grand Christmas Hamper Raffle. Anything from chocs to napkins.

Ball

This year we are providing freshly home cooked Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing balls, pigs in blankets, seasonal vegetables and gravy. The vegetarian option is roasted vegetable and brie crumble cake. There will be a selection of delicious desserts and a complimentary glass of fizz on arrival – all for only £25. During the evening we will have music from DJ Paz. Plenty of festive fun – not to be missed. So dust off your glad rags and come on down. All money raised goes directly to your children's education. Tickets can be purchased from Ainsley Taylor at the school office. They will also be on sale at the Craft Fair.

After School Clubs

Monday night Construction Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Tuesday night – Art and Crafts (KS1 focus) – cost £2

Wednesday night – Computer Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3

Children are welcome to stay at After School Club until 5.30pm. Charge for this is £3.80.

Please contact the office if you would like more information or to book.

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am – cost is £3 per session

Payment of Fees

Please could we remind everyone of the Policy for payment of fees for school clubs.

Invoices are usually issued on a weekly basis. Payment terms are 28 days which is shown on the invoice. Failure to pay within the terms, without a valid reason, may result in a parent losing their childcare place.

Christmas

Remember, when buying Christmas presents online you can generate a free cash donation for the school just by clicking via www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk... You'll find over 2,200 of the most popular stores, so it's easy for you to make a difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item. Following this link to Byfield School at TheGivingMachine <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/byfield-school>

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy for Remembrance Day – a total of £68.36 was collected at the school.

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday

Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday

Keyboard lessons – every Thursday

PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day, PE lessons will be weather dependent. We also have some sessions for PE booked at the village hall. 13th November Year 3 and 4. 23rd November Year 5 and 6. 27th November Year 3 and 4.

Celebration Assemblies Monday – Kiwi, Tuesday – Owls, Thursday – Swallows, Friday – Robins

Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am

Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school

Sunday 25th November – Christmas Craft Fair

Monday 26th November – Flu immunisation Years 1-5

Monday 3rd December – Robin Class to Sealife Centre, Birmingham

Wednesday 5th December – Bikeability – Kiwi Class

Friday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day – hamper donations

Wednesday 12th December – Dress rehearsal – Nativity

Thursday 13th December – Christingle and Carol Service 2pm

Friday 14th December – Nativity 2pm and 6pm (KS2 children singing – dress Christmassy)

Monday 17th December – Panto – Dick Whittington

Wednesday 19th December – school closes for Christmas break 3.15pm

