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### Head Teacher

As you know, last week we said goodbye to Barbara Watts. Mrs Mills, who has worked for 2 years as a lunchtime supervisor, has been appointed to replace her in the mornings. She will still be working as a lunchtime supervisor within the school. In the afternoons, Reception Class will still always have a teaching assistant in the room. Twice weekly it will be Mrs Collins, as was the previous arrangement, twice weekly Mrs Manley - who will be using her dance and PE experience in the Reception Class (especially when we have the hall finished in January,) and once weekly Mrs Sierant - working in her higher level teaching assistant role.

I would also like to officially welcome Miss Brand, who has been working with us since the start of October and was in the Nursery in September. She will continue to be the class teacher for the Year 1 and 2 children and we have changed the name of that class to Penguin Class. I have been really impressed with the level of progress the class has made, the engagement they have had with their topic and art work and the positive ethos which Miss Brand has brought into the classroom. Unfortunately, that does mean that Mrs Faulkner is leaving us. I am grateful for her service at the school, the creativity and music she brought and wish her continued success in her future ventures.

### School Meals

Children will have brought home the menu and order forms for the next half term. Please can you complete these and return to the office as soon as possible. Remember, all children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 are entitled to a **free hot meal** every day.

### Christingle Service – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

We would like to invite all parents/careers/family and friends to the Christingle/Carol Service in the church at 2pm. If there are any volunteers who would be able to help walk the children from school to the church at 1.30pm, please could you let the office know. For safety reasons preferably without pre-school children to walk down. There will be a collection in aid of the Children's Society if parents would like to bring money or send children with donations towards the Christingles.

### Nativity

Please send in your slip for tickets to the Nativity performances next week at the Village Hall. We are not charging for tickets to this. Our lovely PTA will be selling refreshments and raffle tickets at the performances.

### **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](http://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>

### **Dates for the Diary**

*String music lessons – every Wednesday (next lesson 9<sup>th</sup> Jan)*

*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.*

*Celebration Assemblies Monday – Kiwi, Tuesday – Owls, Thursday – Penguins, Friday – Robins*

*Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am (Village Hall until further notice)*

*Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school (Village Hall)*

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Dress rehearsal – Nativity

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle and Carol Service 2pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity 2pm and 6pm (KS2 children singing – dress Christmassy)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Panto – Dick Whittington

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Class Christmas Parties

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – school closes for Christmas break 3.15pm