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Dear Parents,

The Christmas countdown has well and truly started now – at school any way! We have lots of festive events planned over the next two weeks which I know your children will enjoy and I hope that you are able to join us for a few of them. Please check out the revised diary of events at the end of the newsletter for details.

Boccia
Well done to our Boccia team (Boccia is a Paralympic sport similar to Bowls) of Ashwin, Abbie and Dylan who took part in the county's first Boccia tournament for children. They had a great time and did well to make it through to the semi-finals.

Swimming success
Our swim squad were back in action once more this week, winning the local tournament against partnership schools quite comfortably. Onto the district finals early next year now. Well done to Jennifer, Seth, Bethan, Evie, Joe, Eddie, Ellen and Quinn.

School Clubs
As the KS1 nativity is next week, we are having to cancel chess club, and there will be no Karate either. All other clubs will have their final session next week. There will be no clubs running in the final week of term.

School Post Box
Our School Post Box will be in the front Entrance Hall from Monday next week. Please can you encourage your children to use the post box rather than giving their cards out by hand. Our Year 6 children will empty the box every day and make a delivery to each class in the afternoon. Envelopes should be marked clearly with the recipient's full name and which class they are in.

Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity
We are all looking forward to seeing the children performing 'Babushka' next week. Tickets went home with the children earlier this week.

Carols by Candlelight
We are looking forward to our KS2 Carols by Candlelight evening on Wednesday 14th December at 6.00pm. The choir will be singing and we will be enjoying a few traditional sing-a-longs. I do you hope you can make it.

From Your PTA
The Christmas Bazaar is tonight! Please may we remind you about the Christmas tree and table decoration competition - do bring your offerings to the Bazaar tonight. We also have the chilli and hot dogs (sausages are from Andy Brock the butcher) for your tea, as well as some great stalls.
Also, if you haven't already brought your raffle tickets into school (they came home in book bags), please bring them tonight filled in with your details, as it is very time consuming to fill in everyone's details on the night. The prizes are fantastic, just to pick a few we have a one month's membership to both White Horse Leisure and David Lloyd, meals for two at the Fishes and Byron Burger and also a £120 meal voucher for the Ashmolean! Air traffic control tower visit at Heathrow, Four free tickets for Vue Cinema, Bowlplex Bowling, Partyman laser combat and Blenheim Palace, two free tickets to Link ice rink and Oxford Playhouse and a large cuddly reindeer from ToysRus! I have filled in my tickets and I will be buying more as those prizes are just for starters!
Please turn up promptly if you have offered to man a stall, thank you so much to those who have. If you have time to help set up or clear away you will most definitely be on Santa's good list. See you tonight!

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	We have started counting down to Christmas with our numeracy and literacy activities and practising, practising, practising for Babushka! We can't wait for the nativity on Wednesday.
Year 1	Recognising and using all the coins, using 'and' to join sentences.
Year 2	Telling time to quarter hours, making Christmas baubles and revising sentences.
Year 3	Writing the story of Beowulf, learning multiplication and division facts and painting snowflake scenes.
Year 4	Working with decimals, exploring a scene from The Witches and making rocky road.
Year 5	Developing characters by writing stories set in the Amazon, long multiplication and Mexican weaving for the Christmas Bazaar.
Year 6	Letter writing, scale factors and Irish dancing.

Dates for the rest of term:

Friday 2nd December	5.30 - 7.30pm	PTA Christmas Bazaar.
Wednesday 7th December	All day	Year 4 visit to the Roald Dahl Museum.
Wednesday 7th December	2.00pm and 6.0pm	Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity. Parents and friends welcome (Tickets already sent home).
Thursday 8th December	Lunchtime	Year 6 European Banquet.
Friday 9th December	AM	Vision screening for Reception children.
Monday 12th December	PM	Choir singing at Oxenford House.
Wednesday 14th December	PM	Christmas treat for all children – Cinema afternoon.
Wednesday 14th December	6.00 PM	Key Stage 2 - Carols by Candlelight at school.
Thursday 15th December	AM	Choir singing at the Wytham House nursing home.
Thursday 15th December	Lunchtime	School Christmas Dinner.
Friday 16th December	9.30am	Christmas service at St Michael's Church. Friends and families welcome.
Friday 16th December	1.15pm	School finishes for the Christmas break.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read