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Dear Parents,

Wow! What an amazing Nativity we were all treated to this week. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children all performed amazingly well. It is lovely to know that the staff all commented on how sensible, hardworking and talented this year's group of children were. We all really enjoyed the performances. Well done to everyone involved.

Nativity Fund raising

Thank you to everyone who donated to our School's chosen charity at the end of the Nativities this week. We raised £243 for Syria Relief.

Year 6 European Banquet.

Our Year 6 children treated each other and the staff to a spectacular European Banquet on Thursday. They cooked traditional meals from all over Europe, including Spanish Tortillas, Hungarian Goulash, Albanian Meatballs, German King Cake and French Crepes. The food was, of course, absolutely delicious, but what was really impressive was the outstanding way the Year 6 children conducted themselves; serving, hosting and generally chatting away to the adults in the classroom in such a mature and confident way. They really were amazing. We were all very impressed and proud of them.



School Clubs

There will be no clubs running next week. Only Karate will be on. Your children should be bringing home a paper copy of the clubs letter today. Please return the form requesting places by next Wednesday. Many thanks.

School Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas dinner will be on Thursday 15th December. The dinner will be a traditional Christmas one, with roast turkey and all the trimmings and ice cream for dessert. The meal is free for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. It will be £2.10 for all Key Stage 2 children. If your child does not normally have a school dinner, to avoid sending an invoice for one meal, it would help us if you would send in the payment in advance of the meal. If your child would like a vegetarian option, please could you let the office know as soon as possible so that Carrieann can cater accordingly. If your child does not want to have the Christmas dinner, they may bring in a packed lunch and will still eat with their friends in the hall.

From Your PTA

Thank you so much to everyone who organised, volunteered and helped at the Christmas Bazaar last week. It was a great evening, the stalls were brilliantly manned, the chilli and sausages delicious, the instrumentalists and choir performed fantastically and I'm surprised Mr Read didn't lose his voice on the raffle it went on for so long! Because of your support we raised £1941.00 for the school which is our highest total in some years. The answer for 'Guess the Wine' was a Cabernet Sauvignon from Chile, there were two correct guesses. Have a lovely Christmas one and all.

Cumnor Christmas Cinema Afternoon

Our school festivities continue next week with our carols by candlelight concert, Christmas meal and Christmas service at St Michael's.

Each year we have an afternoon 'Christmas Treat' for the children. This year we have decided to turn the school into a cinema! On Wednesday afternoon, all the children will have the opportunity to get a drink and some popcorn before going to their choice of film. There will be 7 films to choose from:

Screen 1 - Miracle on 34th Street

Screen 2 - Aladdin

Screen 3 - Zootropolis

Screen 4 - Matilda

Screen 5 - Arthur Christmas

Screen 6 - Frozen

Screen 7 - My Neighbour Totoro

I'm sure the children will love the school cinema experience and love mixing up with the other children in the school. They will be shown trailers for each film the day before. Please have a talk to your children about which film they would like to see and if there are any that you would prefer them not to watch, please let them know, and also tell a member of staff if necessary.

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	We have enjoyed our Nativity productions and have been exploring the theme of Christmas through role play, literacy, craft and numeracy.
Year 1	Recognising 2D and 3D shapes, writing about dragons and making dragon heads.
Year 2	Writing our own owl chapter and illustrations, following instructions to make candles and visiting Church to find out about light as a symbol.
Year 3	Rounding numbers, writing Christmas lullabies and carrying out forces investigations.
Year 4	Learning the skill of quilling in art, looking at the work of poet Timothy Winters and learning about Roald Dahl's experiences and inspirations whilst visiting the Roald Dahl Museum.
Year 5	Writing reports about 'The Walrus and The Carpenter' in the voice of The Eldest Oyster. Learning musical notes on the stave and composing.
Year 6	Investigating area and perimeter, writing tourist information pages about European countries and preparing and hosting our European banquet.

Dates for the rest of term:

Monday 12 th December	PM	Choir singing at Oxenford House.
Wednesday 14 th December	PM	Christmas treat for all children – Cinema afternoon.
Wednesday 14 th December	6.00pm	KS2 Carols by Candlelight in the school hall.
Thursday 15 th December	AM	Choir singing at Oakenholt Care Home.
Thursday 15 th December	Lunchtime	School Christmas Dinner.
Friday 16 th December	9.30am	Christmas service at St Michael's Church. Friends and families welcome.
Friday 16 th December	1.15pm	School finishes for the Christmas break.
Tuesday 3 rd January		Children return to school.

We are looking forward to a lovely final festive week next week; do remember though that school finishes at 1.15pm on Friday.

Yours sincerely,



Ed Read