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Dear Parent/Carers,

Another busy week has flown by. It was lovely to see so many parents at Year 2's class assembly and our celebration assembly on Friday. As the last few weeks of term speed past, we have lots of exciting events planned as you will see below.

### **PE Kits**

Many children are forgetting to bring their PE kit into school for their PE lessons. In response to parental comments, and in a bid to make sure pupils are suitably dressed for PE lessons, we would like to ask that PE remain in school and are only taken home for the holidays. If you prefer your child continues to take their PE kit home each week, please ensure that it is in school on PE days. It is important for the children's safety that they have the correct clothing and footwear for their PE lessons.

### **Weekly Attendance Winners**

This week's attendance award was won by Year 5 who achieved 97% attendance last week – well done Year 5! As you may be aware, the requirement for all schools is that their attendance is above 97%. Our school attendance is currently at 92% and some classes had a weekly attendance of less than 90% for last week. Please encourage your children to come to school every day, even if they feel a little off colour. Most children are fine once they are at school and if we have any concerns, we will contact you immediately to collect them.

### **Parent Pay**

We have worked with Parent Pay and AIP to correct the problems with lunches. This does mean that for the rest of the term, the weekly menu on Parent Pay will be a week behind the paper menus but what is online is what will be delivered. This week will be week 3 not week 1. Please let the school office know if you continue to have issues ordering your child's lunch on Parent Pay.

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### **PTA film night**

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, the PTA are hosting a film night from 5-7pm where they will be showing 'Arthur Christmas'. Entrance is £2.50 and includes a drink and snack. Please speak to the office staff to reserve your child's place.

### **Decorate the Tree Assembly**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will be holding our annual Decorate the Tree assembly. Please join us from 8.30 in the drama room for tea and a mince pie. The assembly will begin at 9am. Please join us for this wonderful event to start the festive season.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. You can now sign your child up for lunch via ParentPay.

### **Pantomime**

The final date for payment for the Pantomime is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Payment can be made via ParentPay but please return the permission slip to school.

### **Christmas Fayre**

The PTA Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and our small group of dedicated parents are working hard to ensure that it is a success. Please do let them know if you are available over the next two weeks to help with preparation or on the day.

### **Meet Father Christmas**

If your child would like to meet Father Christmas at the Christmas Fayre, please sign up for a time slot at the school office. The cost is £3 per child and each child will receive a gift.

### **House Boxes - a message from the PTA**

At previous Christmas Fayres, the house raffle has been very popular so this year we are bringing it back. If you would like to donate to your child's house raffle then please bring in an item to the office and place it in the box of your child's house. The raffle tickets will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre where the winner of each hamper will be drawn.

## **Key Dates**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – PTA film night 5-7pm.** Please sign up at the school office.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Decorating the Tree assembly** 9am, with tea and mince pies from 8.30am in the drama room.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime trip**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term.** School will close at 1.30pm for the end of term.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens for the Spring Term.**

Yours sincerely,

Julie-Ann Swaysland

Headteacher