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Dear Parents,

Christmas is coming...

Though it is still some weeks away, we know you will appreciate receiving some more detailed information about our Christmas plans at school.

FOBFS PTA events

The PTA is busy organising two events for pupils and their families towards the end of this term. The first is the Winter Bazaar, which will be held on **Saturday 25th November** between 2-4pm across both schools. Stalls with gifts, toys, food and games will be on offer, as well as refreshments and presentations from Infant and Junior School choirs.

The second event is the Christmas Craft Morning, where pupils from both schools have the opportunity to create a variety of Christmas-themed crafts. This will be held on **Saturday 9th December** from 10-12pm in the Junior School hall. Information about this will be sent out later this month.

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Services

As usual, both Year 3 and Year 4 are preparing Christmas presentations this term which will take place as follows:

- Year 3: **Wednesday 13th December** at 9.30am at the Church of our Saviour, Ashton Place, Chelmer Village
- Year 4: **Wednesday 13th December** at 11.00am at the Church of our Saviour, Ashton Place, Chelmer Village

These will retell the story of Christmas through narration, drama and song. There is no fee for entrance, but we will need to issue tickets so that we can abide by the church hall's maximum capacity. Each Year 3 and Year 4 pupil may have one ticket initially but additional tickets are likely to be available. A separate letter concerning this will be sent at the end of November.

Christmas lunch

Our very popular Christmas lunch will be served on **Tuesday 19th December**. This is always a fun event and both regular and vegetarian options will be available. As this is usually a high-demand lunch, a separate letter and booking slip will be sent to you closer to the time in order to assist the catering team to prepare accordingly. Payment will be via ParentPay as normal.

Christmas jumper day

On the same day as the Christmas lunch, **Tuesday 19th December**, pupils will be allowed to come to school wearing a Christmas/Winter-themed jumper if they wish, in exchange for a donation to Save the Children's annual appeal (see www.christmasjumperday.org for more details). A special jumper does not have to be bought - the children could get creative in adapting one for the day that they already own. All other normal school uniform should be worn.



Christmas carolling

Last year for the first time, we held an informal Christmas carolling event led by some of our Years 5 & 6 pupils outside the Barn after school one day. This was followed by the opportunity for parents and pupils to enjoy some refreshments including mince pies made by Year 6 pupils as part of their Design & Technology curriculum. This was well-supported and a great way of creating Christmas cheer in the last week of term. We will be repeating this on **Tuesday 19th December** at 3.30pm outside the Barn - everyone is welcome.

End of term/Start of Spring term

The end of term is Wednesday 20th December at the usual time of 3.15pm. Tuesday 2nd January is INSET Day 3, so the Spring term begins for pupils on **Wednesday 3rd January 2018**.

Regards,

Mr McIntosh
Deputy Headteacher

