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Key Dates

December

Wed 18th KS2 Christmas Concert evening 6.30pm (children to arrive at 6.15pm)

Thurs 19th Christmas Service – Church 9.15am

Christmas Parties pm – no lunch from home needed

Fri 20th School breaks up for Christmas at 1.20pm

January

Mon 6th Return to school

Mon 13th Y5/6 Football at Bucklers Mead

Thurs 16th Girls Futsal

Fri 17th Y4 Visit to Taunton Museum – The Romans

PTA Beetle Drive

School Lunches

All school lunches for the week beginning 6th January have now been ordered. If you did not order, please could you ensure a packed lunch from home is provided. Lunch orders for the week beginning 13th January need to be entered on your ParentPay account by the end of Monday 10th January.

Christmas Craft Morning

We had a lovely Christmas Craft morning on Monday 16th and the children had the opportunity to work in small groups doing different Christmassy activities. Thanks to the parents who came to help us.

Erasmus + Project

We are very fortunate to be able to take some children to Spain in March 2020. Twelve children from Year 6 have opted to go. This is a special opportunity and I think they will have an exciting time meeting children from other European countries. Letters have been sent out today with further details.

PTA Events

Many thanks go to the PTA who has worked hard this term raising money for the school. They have been particularly busy in the lead up to Christmas with the Bingo and organising a raffle and refreshments at the Nativity. The Christmas shopping was particularly successful and I know many of you will be delighted to receive the presents that the children have selected for you. We are excited about the Christmas parties this week and wish to thank the parents for the lovely food which they supply. It is very generous of parents to give up so much time raising money for the school and it is much appreciated. We have just purchased £500 worth of new reading books for the younger children. The PTA donated £300 and the school put in £100. Thanks to Battens for a £100 donation which we have also used towards this purchase.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas Parties will take place on Thursday 19th. The children need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their party clothes/play clothes in a bag ready to get changed before lunch.



Following the delectable lunch prepared by the parents the children will have a little time outside to play. The children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 go to their classrooms for their party games. The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will go to the school hall for their party altogether. School will end at normal time so we look forward to handing back your rather excited and hopefully tired children.

Church Services

We had a very enjoyable Christingle Service at the end of November. It was fortunately quite a dull, grey day which meant the lighting of the Christingles was more impressive. It is always a special service to start the Christmas celebrations.

The Nativity was wonderful and the children sang delightfully and were word perfect. It is very rewarding to see the youngest children performing so well. It was pleasing to see so many of you came to share in this very special event.

We have our Christmas service on Thursday 19th December at 9.15am. I do hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Charity activities

We have had a successful term raising money for charity. The Children Need event raised £234.64. The Christmas jumper day raised £170.34. Many thanks for your support.

Official opening of the access to the Village Hall

We had a very enjoyable morning when the slope to the village hall was officially opened. This was followed by a Christmas meal with people from the village. It was very successful and we had special guests from the Amigo Trust, The Parish Council, The Church and the Village Hall committee. We hope to follow this up with future events in the village hall with people from Ash.

Christmas Cards

We are delighted with the sales of the Christmas cards this year. We raised just over £800 and this money will be used to support the purchase of resources for the children to use in lessons. Many thanks go to Mrs Morris and Mr Ives for their hard work in preparing and printing them.

End of staff contracts

Mrs Ellen Frampton has been supporting in Class 3 this term and has been an asset to the class as has Mrs Harris in Class 5 on a Friday. Both contracts were temporary and unfortunately are coming to an end this week. We are unable to extend them as the budget is restrictive. I hope that once the new finances are released in April we will be able to review this situation and possibly renew contracts.

End of the Autumn Term

On Friday 20th December the term will end at 1.20pm. There will be no Late Birds on that day so please make arrangements for your child to be collected early. You will need to go to the classrooms to collect your child at that time.

DBS (the old CRB)

Anyone wishing to volunteer in school needs to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) form. Please see Mrs Ellis for further details. The process is much quicker now as it is possible to do much of the process online.

Many thanks for your continued support.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all back safely in January for the Spring Term.

Nicola Roberts
Headteacher

