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Dear Parents and Carers,

It may not yet feel like it, but Christmas will soon be upon us and we wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about various events where we look forward to welcoming you into school, details of which are outlined below.

EYFS and KS1 Nativities

Our Early Years and KS1 classes will soon start practising for their nativities this year! More information will be sent home in the coming weeks regarding costumes and things that you can do at home. Where we do ask pupils to provide elements of costumes, we will keep this as simple as possible. Please see performance times below.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2):	Tues 17 th Dec – 9am Weds 18 th Dec – 2.30pm
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Early Years (Nursery & Reception):	Tues 17 th Dec – 11.15am Weds 18 th Dec – 9am
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Performance Seat Allocation: Each family has been allocated a maximum of three adults per performance (there is no need to book tickets). In line with our fire regulations, please do not exceed this allowance.

On the day: Please wait at the West gate at the front of the school, from where you will be shown into the back of the school hall. If your child usually has PE on their performance day, they can come to school in their PE kit as usual.

Events in the Run up To Christmas

PTA Christmas Fayre – This will take place after school on Friday 13th December. More information to follow!

Community – As we approach Christmas, it is always a good opportunity to engage with our community and our children will be taking part in a number of events, including carol singing in the community and working with the retirement home. This year, we will also be offering a 'grandparent afternoon' on Monday 16th December for any of our older members of the community to come and hear some carols, play some games and have a mince pie or two! This will start at 1.45pm, with entry through the West gate of the school.

Christmas Gift Collection - Following the success in previous years, our older pupils will also be asking for donations of small Christmas goodies (such as a box of mince pies or a sweet treat) which will be used to create some small packs which will be given to those in our local community to show support or thanks for the work that they do. **To achieve this, we would like to ask if, during the week of Monday 2nd December, you would be able to donate something which the children can use to make these parcels.**

Nominate for an Xmas Gift - we would also welcome nominations of anyone in the local community (elderly neighbours, grandparents etc.) who you feel would benefit from a Christmas



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gift! Please nominate anyone you feel would be grateful for this; even if they have received something in the past. Before the end of term, we will then make some special deliveries! If you would like to nominate someone, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/AgvD97HYY51NkWZF8> by **Friday 6th December.**

Christingle event – As part of our annual Christingle service, please could all pupils to bring an orange into school on Friday 6th December.

Christmas Jumpers – If your child would like to wear a Christmas Jumper to school, they are welcome to do so (along with normal school uniform) **at any point from 9th December!**

Christmas Week

Within school, we will have a number of different events leading up to Christmas. Most of these will take place in the few days before the end of term (Monday 16th to Friday 20th December), however some will also take place the week before. Please see information listed below:

Thursday 19th December

- **Christmas Jumper Day** – This will be our official Christmas Jumper Day where the children will be encouraged to wear Christmas Jumpers along with their normal school uniform in return for a £1 donation to Save the Children via Arbor.
- **Carols Around the Tree** – Parents and carers are invited to join us for a whole-school Carol service at 9.00am.
- **Christmas Lunch** – We are looking forward to bringing all the classes together in the hall for Christmas Lunch. Please follow this link <https://forms.gle/anG2NUJxVTiXWwPp8> to place your child's Christmas lunch order **no later than Tuesday, 19th November**. Nursery parents; we are also inviting Nursery children to join in with Christmas Lunch between 12pm and 1pm. There will be a £2.60 per child cost for this.

Friday 20th December

- **Church Visit** - We will be walking to church for our Christmas Service today and will be back at school mid-morning. This service is for pupils only.
- **End of the day** - Please note that term ends at 1.30pm for all pupils (Reception to Year 6)

Following the Christmas holidays, school will reopen for all pupils on Monday 6th January at the normal time. All term dates are on our school website.

We hope that this helps to explain a little more about what is coming up in school and that the coming weeks are a wonderful time of celebration and reflection, both for those who celebrate Christmas, and for our wider school community.

Yours faithfully,

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Summary of Christmas Events

Tuesday, 19 th November				
Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch for your child(ren).				
Monday 2 nd December	Tuesday 3 rd December	Weds 4 th December	Thursday 5 th December	Friday 6 th December
Please provide items for our Christmas parcels this week				Christingle – please can all pupils bring an orange to school
Start of Advent in school				Deadline for nominations for Christmas Parcels https://forms.gle/AqvD97HYY51NkWF8
Monday 9 th December	Tuesday 10 th December	Weds 11 th December	Thursday 12 th December	Friday 13 th December
Christmas Jumpers can be worn to school			Last Clubs of Term	PTA Christmas Bazaar (3.30-6pm) – please come along!
				Year 6 Carol Singing in Hemel Hempstead
Monday 16 th December	Tuesday 17 th December	Weds 18 th December	Thursday 19 th December	Friday 20 th December
Grandparent Christmas Afternoon! 1.45pm-3.00pm	KS1 Nativity – 9.00 EYFS Nativity – 11.15	EYFS Nativity – 9.00 KS1 Nativity – 2.30	Carols Around the Tree 9am – all welcome	Pupils Church Service at St. Mary's
	Year 6 visit Longdean for Christmas performance (during normal school day)		Official Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children	School finishes at 1.30pm for all pupils in Reception-Y6
			Pupils' Christmas Lunch	