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Dear Parents,

As we hit the first day of December, I have noticed a flurry of Christmas lights, bells, trees and other festive items. Outside it is getting chilly but the warmth inside provided by the children's kindness and enthusiasm (as well as the central heating) is very welcome.

School Post box

The school post box will be operational on Monday. No stamp required! Please ensure that envelopes are marked with the first name and the class. Envelopes for staff will only need the name.

Christmas Play Tickets

These have now been issued. If you choose to swap your ticket with another parent, please remember to bring your swapped ticket to gain entry to the performance. We have no extra space so all tickets will be checked to gain entry to the hall. Please be reminded that no children/babies will be permitted to come to performances other than the Tuesday performance. It will get very hot in all the performance so wear layers.

Christmas Lunch

All children in the infant school will have their Christmas lunch on Thursday 7th. Staff and governors will be dressed in festive attire and will be serving lunch to the children. I am hopeful that children who sometimes have a packed lunch will choose a school lunch on that day. Please remember that there will be a traditional turkey roast with a vegetarian alternative.

Donation and Mufti Days

The PTFA letter has all the details so my letter is a reminder.

Thursday 7th – Wear your favourite jumper – Donations of books, toys, games, bottles and chocolate

Friday 8th – Wear crazy socks – Donations of cakes

Donations of lovely gifts for the raffle would be gratefully received any time next week in the office.

Sabbath Day Commemoration at Freedom Park

I hope to see as many families as possible at Freedom Park on Sunday 3rd December at 1.45. The Mayor will present prizes to children who have entered the colouring competition (and I hear that she likes to present prizes to those that are present on the day)

Teas and coffees will be available for purchase and cakes too.



Lloyds Bank Colouring Competition

Please be reminded to send in to school any Lloyds Bank colouring competition pictures by 9am on Monday 4th. After this date, they need to be taken directly into the bank.

Items in pockets

Please ensure that items are not brought into school via your child's pockets that could pose a danger. Coins, rocks, sharp objects and even some toys can all cause a problem and have been found in pockets this week. Indeed, they have come out of pockets and posed a risk.

Parental engagement and involvement

The latest research from the Sutton Trust and the University of Oxford again confirms that children have the best chance of being successful as learners at school if a) parents get positively involved with their child's learning; b) parents build good relationships with school staff and other parents and c) read regularly to their child.

On that note, thank you to all the parents from Ash, Cedar and Oak classes who joined in with our Early Years workshops and thank you in advance to all parents who will be reading a story to their child tonight.

I hope that you all have a happy weekend!



Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher