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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have all had a nice couple of weeks and enjoyed any Halloween or Bonfire Night festivities. As always, the run-up to Christmas will fly by. Below are some key events for this term.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

On the Friday, the children are invited to 'Wear a Onesie' for Children in Need and bring a £1 donation.

Present Ideas - Year Group Tea Towels

This year we will be selling year group tea towels. The children have drawn a picture of themselves which, along with their peers will adorn a festively-bordered tea towel (you know the ones I mean). These will cost £3.50 each. Order slips will come out next week.

Non-uniform Day – Friday 24th November

To support the Christmas Fair, the children are allowed to wear non-uniform and bring chocolate for the creatively-named 'Chocolate Tombola'.

Operation Christmas Child (Shoebboxes) – Monday 27th November

Many thanks to those of you who have already filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please ensure that any shoeboxes are brought into school by Monday 27th November.

Helping Your Child Stay Safe on the Internet – Wednesday 29th November at 6pm

As part of our e-Safety provision, we have arranged for a day of training, led by Alan McKenzie of 'e-Safety Adviser'. The day will comprise of training for staff and pupils.

At 6 o'clock Alan will provide information for parents on the phone apps and console / pc games that are 'current' with children and young people. He will also have advice on how to talk to children about keeping themselves safe online, be it on X-Box Live, their phone, or the many other ways you can get online these days!! He will also be able to answer any questions you may have. The staff team (even the young ones) find the sessions really useful and informative and we are sure that you will too!

Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 8th December between 2.45pm and 3.45pm. As in previous years, most stalls will be replicated in both the Infants and Juniors. Junior children will be allowed to attend the junior fair unsupervised from 2.45pm to 3.15pm, when

they will be dismissed. If you wish to meet your child, please arrange a place with them as they will not be in their classroom when the doors open. As always, the fair will be extremely busy. Please do not bring pushchairs if possible. Any donations for the Chocolate Tombola or Wine Tombola will be gratefully received.

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th December

On Friday 15th December we will be having our Christmas Dinner. A slip will be sent out soon for those children who do not normally have a school meal but would like to have one on that day. It is also 'Christmas Jumper Day' which will really get us in the Christmas spirit. A donation will be made to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day appeal from the Christmas Fair.

Cinema Visit – Wednesday 20th December

We will be visiting the cinema on the morning of the last day of term. More details, with permission slips, will be sent when we know which films are available to us.

End of Term – Wednesday 20th December

As we have done previously, we are offering parents the option to collect their children (or them making their own way home) at 2.00pm on the Wednesday that we break up. A letter will be issued nearer the time. As has happened previously, some families have taken advantage of this opportunity, whilst other children have stayed to the end of the school day, completing festive activities and playing games.

Training Day – Monday 19th February

The final Training Day for staff has been set for Monday 19th February 2018. The pupils will not be in school on that day.

If you require any further information about any of the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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