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Dear Parents/Carers

Can you believe that it is that time of year again when the Christmas festivities begin and we cannot wait! As communicated to you previously in the last couple of newsletters, some of the Christmas events that the children would usually do, have had to be adapted due to the impact of RAAC this term. Once the building work is completed at the beginning of December, the priority is for all staff to ensure the infant building is back open, classrooms are set up and learning for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children is back in their normal classrooms. As you know, productions do not come together without practice and lots of rehearsals and therefore time will not be on our side due to our main priority being RAAC and provision this term. Despite this, we want the children to have a fun filled Christmas term in school and have the opportunity to perform to their families as well. Please see below a timetable of all the Christmas events taking place this term.

Event Year Group/Date and Time What it Will Look Like Parent Action Nursery = 14th December at Christmas Large gazebo on the playground for Come and join carols/songs outside 10:30am (all children invited). all children to be stood in us and enjoy! on the playground. (decorations and lights outside). As many adults All concerts below will begin at Christmas cakes and hot drinks to buy in your family 2:15pm to raise funds for FOWG. are welcome. Reception = 19th December What to wear: **Christmas Jumpers** Year 1 = 13th December on their Christmas songs/carol day with their school uniform Year 2 and Year 2/3 classes (Italy, Kenya and India together = 18th December Year 4 = 12th December Year 5 = 14th December Year 6 = 11th December **Christmas Dinner** All children All children to have Christmas dinner Please pay in together in school. advance 13th December through ParentMail as normal.

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Christmas Jumper day What to wear: School uniform to be worn with their Christmas jumpers	All children 8 th December 2023	Children will learn about 'Save the Children'. Helping kids in the UK and around the world.	Send child to school wearing their Christmas jumper and school uniform.
Rotary club	Morning of the 18 th December	Will visit all the children on the playground during the school day.	Parents not invited.
Christmas Cinema Evening organised by FOWG See poster attached	Reception (England and Scotland, Year 1 (Northern Ireland and Wales/Year 2 (Italy) and Year 3/2 (Kenya and India) = 7 th December 4:00pm-6:00pm Year 4, 5 and 6 = 6 th December 4:00pm-6:00pm	Classrooms in school to be made into 'screens' like the cinema. Children come back to school in the evening in their pyjamas, (bring a blanket and teddy if they wish) and watch a film while eating a biscuit or two!	Buy a ticket for your child after school from Key Stage 2 gazebo. Miss Knowles will post on Dojo when these will go on sale.

Of course, there will be other activities in class that the children will enjoy and also a little Christmas party on the last day of term in the afternoon that your child's class teacher will inform you about on Dojo. As the children would have just eaten lunch, there will not be any food and drink but instead games, music and just a fun time with friends.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas carols/songs for your child/children and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Herbert

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