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Dear Parents,

It's amazing to think that we are already in December! Thank you for all the delicious donations of chocolate we received today. Next Friday we have our second Mufti. If your child would like to come to school in mufti next Friday, please send in a donation for the Bottle Tombola. This should be a bottle of something you would like to win on the bottle tombola; maybe a bottle of wine, coke, squash or bubble bath!

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is on next Friday 8th December after school. We hope you will all attend.

At the end of the school day, parents will need to collect their child from classrooms before going to the Fair. Entry to the Christmas Fair will be through the double doors under the walkway near the Year 2 Classroom. It will take a few minutes for the doors to open, as we need to allow enough time for teachers and teaching assistants to make their way to the hall.

Next Friday, due to the Christmas Fair, the children in Reception Class will be dismissed from Little Bears Nursery. Year 1 will be dismissed from The SENCo's and HSLW's room (next to Year 3). Year 2 will be dismissed from Year 3. All other year groups will be dismissed from their usual classrooms. Please make sure you are ready to collect promptly at 3:05pm, to allow teachers and TA's time to make their way to the hall for the Christmas Fair.

Raffle Tickets

If you need any more books of raffle tickets either to buy for yourself, or to sell to family and friends, please go to the office. Please return the money and the ticket stubs as soon as possible. There are some great prizes to be won, with the first prize being a flat screen television.

If you have any good quality soft toys or saleable unwanted gifts, toys, books or DVDs, the PTA would love to receive them. Please hand them in any day next week.

Estimation Station!

One of the new stalls at the Christmas Fair is the Estimation Station. There will be three jars – one with lego in it, one with sweets in it and one with 5p coins in it. The challenge is to guess how many pieces of lego, sweets or 5p coins are in each jar. To allow the children more time to make a serious estimate, we are going to allow children to start estimating from Monday! It will cost 20p per jar to have a go. So if your child would like to have a go, they may bring up to 60p to have a guess next week during playtime.

Christmas Decorations

Our Christmas tree is due to arrive this weekend! Every year I am always impressed with the homemade decorations the children bring in, and I look forward to seeing this year's creations. Please remember to send in your child's homemade decoration for our school tree on Monday 4th December.



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Times Table Rockstars Advent Tournament

Over the next few weeks, we are holding a tournament between the four houses. Starting today at 4:00pm and finishing on Wednesday at 8:00pm, there will be one competition between Blue House and Red House and another competition between Yellow House and Green House. Every question correctly answered by your child will be a point for their team.

Breakfast Club

The cost of Breakfast Club will be rising in January. After two years with no price rises, the cost will rise to £2.80 a day per child, and £2.30 a day for a sibling. We believe this is still excellent value for money.

Punctuality

There has been a disappointing increase in the number of lates recorded since half term. Today, I have sent home letters to children who have been late more than 10 times this half term. We will also be carefully monitoring those children who have already been late more than 5 times this half term. Punctuality is really important, and if children are persistently late, parents will be invited in for a meeting with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer).

Netball Match

In the freezing cold, our netball team went to New Haw Junior School on Thursday after school. Despite numb fingers and toes from the cold, we won the match 13 - 0. It was a real team effort as all of our children defended well and attacked brilliantly. Well done to Brooke, Jess, Millie, Thomas, Tyler and Sam, who represented the school superbly.

Teacher-run Clubs

Our Animation and Gardening Clubs finish today. All other clubs will finish next week.

Years R-4 - Nasal Flu Spray

Next Wednesday 6th December the school nurses will be here to administer the Nasal Flu Spray to those children in Years R to 4 whose parents have consented to it. Please advise the school office on the day if your child has been unwell, particularly with asthma or other breathing difficulties.

Parent Voice – change of date!

Our next Parent Voice will be on **Wednesday** 6th December at 2:00pm. All are welcome.

Year 5 – Kew Gardens

Last week, our Year 5 class went to Kew Gardens for the day. Here is what a few of our children had to say about the experience:

It was very humid in the Palm House! Damp air is sprayed every few minutes to keep the plants and trees going. To fit an emergent tree inside the Palm House, the building would have to be four times the height of it, so it's a miniature rainforest really. – Muskaan

When I first saw the Palm House and the trees I felt like crying with joy! We saw bamboo, which had only been growing for 16 days but was over two metres tall! I went up a spiral staircase and we had a bird's eye view of the rainforest plants. In another building, there were waterfalls! And a piranha! Hope put her hand near the glass and the piranha looked like he wanted to eat it! The tour guides were very kind to us. – Rachel

It was so warm in the glasshouse. It was the most tropical area I've ever been in. Once I was in, I was like 'Wow! There are plants everywhere!' – Gabriel

Open Day Sessions

Our final open day session for prospective parents to tour our school takes place this Monday 4th December at 9:15am.

Stars of the Week

Y1 – Ella-May & Kurt

Y2 – Tyler-Reed & Kristina

Y3 – Lilly & Lilly-Rose

Y4 – Abigail & Levi

Y5 – Amy & Samuel

Y6 – Kate & Jessica



Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	<u>Year 3</u>	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
84.04	91.48	91.11	93.67	<u>98.10</u>	95.36	95.77	97.24

The whole school attendance last week was 94.57%, which is below our target of 95.5%.
Congratulations go to Year 3 with the highest attendance at 98.10% for the week.

Punctuality – number of late marks

16 Oct – 20 Oct	30 Oct – 3 Nov	6 Nov – 10 Nov	13 Nov – 17 Nov	20 Nov – 24 Nov
20	19	51	48	37

Children's Centre News

Our Family Forest School led by a Forest School Leader is on the first Saturday of the month. A fun Saturday morning session for parents with children aged 2–5 years. Forest schools offer an excellent opportunity for play, exploration and the chance for children to really develop their imagination and creativity. The session is on from 10:00am–11:30am.

Please wear appropriate clothing as we are outside for the whole session.

You can also find details of this and all the centre's activities on the website at www.stjohnsknaphillchildrenscentre.co.uk or contact the centre on 01483 476450 (option 4).

Louisa, Becki, Lucie and Carol

Yours sincerely,
Miss Sarah May
Head of School