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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended the joint schools' mass on Sunday. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and share the first step in the journey through Advent together. The children in Foundation Stage blew us all away this week with their excellent performances on the Christmas story. Their enthusiasm and confidence shone and we are truly proud of them all.

Admissions

A reminder that the closing date for applications for Reception is fast approaching- January 15th 2019. If you would like to book a tour of the school or if you know someone who might like to, please contact the school office on 01727 854643.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Emilia Murphy in Class 3! Emilia has won the Christmas card competition and her design will appear on the Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Church Christmas card this season. Well done Emilia!

Carols and Cake

This event is proving to be very popular; if you haven't already done so, please send your reply slip into school by **Wednesday, 12th December.**

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is very popular and the numbers of children attending has steadily risen this term. Due to increased numbers and lack of space, we are finding it more difficult to accommodate children safely. From 8 January 2019, we will no longer be able to take Junior children at our Breakfast Club. We will however continue to take Junior children who have a sibling at the Infant school (Reception to Year 2). Junior children without a sibling at the Infant school must attend the Junior School Breakfast Club. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and would like to thank you for making the club so successful over the years; we hope that you will be able to do the same for the Junior school club. Please contact the Junior school for a Breakfast Club booking form.

Future dates

It gets very busy at this time of year so below is an over-view of everything happening before the end of term.

- Tuesday 11th Dec – Years 1 & 2 walk to the Junior school to watch Lower KS2 Christmas performance, 09:15
- Wednesday 12th Dec - Nursery Purple Party, 9:00am (AM & Flex 1)
- Thursday 13th Dec - KS1 performance for Year 1 parents, 14:00
- Friday 14th Dec - KS1 performance for Year 2 parents, 09:10
- Friday 14th Dec - Nursery Purple Party, 14:00 (PM, Flex 2)
- Monday 17th Dec - Christmas treat for Reception-Year 2, Pantomime, The Snow Queen
- Tuesday 18th Dec - FS crafts morning, 09:15
- Tuesday 18th Dec - Christmas tea and carols for our grandparents
- Wednesday 19th Dec - KS1 crafts, 09:10 and Christmas dinner day for children, wear party clothes!
- Thursday 20th Dec - FS Christmas craft afternoon, 13:30
- Thursday 20th Dec - Nursery closes for Christmas, last day for Badgers
- Friday 21st Dec - 09:10- Assembly, 12:50- Carols around the Tree, 13:20- School closes for Christmas Holidays!



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Festive hair bands

A gentle reminder that children should wear full school uniform and hair should be tied up. Please do not send your child to school wearing novelty hairbands, hats etc. as this doesn't comply with school uniform policy and can be quite distracting for children during lesson time. Simple hair bands should be worn daily.

Punctuality/Maths Fluency reminder

I explained in a previous letter that there are maths fluency sessions delivered by teachers in each class from 08:50am, these sessions revise key concepts and prepare children for lessons happening that day. It is essential that your child has the opportunity to participate in these sessions, therefore arriving to school for 08:50 prompt is extremely important to their progress in maths. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

PTA Notices

- **Easy Fundraising:** signing up is simple www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ssaspta You can collect free donations for our PTA any time you shop online.
- **Amazon Smile:** if you are planning to buy online on Amazon, shop via this site <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and 0.5% of your transaction will be donated to our PTA.
- **Christmas Treeeasy:** if you are buying a real Christmas tree, consider Christmastreeeasy. A real tree with free delivery to your door; simply go to the ordering page of this site, and choose our school. www.christmastreeeasy.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend.

Aisling Cannon

