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Dear Parents & Carers,

In school we are getting ready for Christmas. The KS1 children took to the stage and re-told the Christmas story with confidence in a very child-centered way. Thank you to both staff and parents for ensuring the children were prepared and ready for an excellent Christmas show.

### **Thank you**

Today we sent £520 to Action for Children from the donations raised at the Christmas performances. This money will go towards giving vulnerable children gifts and a hot meal this Christmas. Your donations really make a difference, thank you. If you would like to find out more, please visit the Action for Children website.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Niamh (Reception) and Hannah (Year 1) on the birth of their baby sister. Congratulations also to Diana in Reception on the birth of her new baby brother. Cecily in Nursery also welcomed a baby brother to her family. Welcome to our school community.

### **Punctuality**

Children must arrive to school before doors close at 9am. Arriving promptly to school ensures that your child has the best start to their day. Doors are closed and secured at 9am.

### **Admissions**

A reminder that the closing date for applications for Reception is fast approaching- January 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Governors are consulting on the 2020-21 Admissions policy. They would be pleased to receive any comments on this. Please follow this link for further information <http://ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk/admissions/>.

### **Christmas cards**

Children are welcome to write a **maximum of 8 cards** to their friends and post them in the letter box either in Foundation Stage or the main entrance. The cards then get shared out on the last day of school. Please do not write any more than 8 Christmas cards, your co-operation with this is appreciated.

### **Carols and Cake**

We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents at the Christmas carols and cake event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Grandparents will get the opportunity to visit their grand-child's class for open classroom first and then come to the hall for a cup of tea and cake. If you have signed up to donate cakes, please drop them into school on Monday. A reminder that Reception grandparents are welcome at 1:15 to 2:00pm and KS1 grandparents are welcome at 10:45 to 11:30am. The playground will be open for parking 10 minutes before each session. Parking will also be available on the roads around school; please leave plenty of time to get here safely. Sessions must finish promptly as the children will need the hall space for lunch and PE.



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### **Breakfast Club**

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation regarding the changes we need to make to the breakfast club provision in order to ensure the safety of all children. Please remember that from the **8<sup>th</sup> January 2019, we will not be able to accept children to breakfast club who do not have a sibling at the Infant school.** Please contact the Junior school for a booking form if you need to avail of care for your child before school starts.

### **Next week**

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

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas treat for Reception-Year 2, Pantomime, The Snow Queen
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - FS crafts morning, 09:15
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas tea and carols for our grandparents, 10:45 for KS1 and 1:15 for Reception
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 crafts, 09:10 and Christmas dinner day for children, wear party clothes!
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - FS Christmas craft afternoon, 13:30
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Nursery closes for Christmas, last day for Badgers
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - 09:10- Assembly, 12:50- Carols around the Tree, 13:20- School closes for Christmas holidays!

### **Tree stumps**

We need new tree stumps for our forest school area as we use them for seating for the children. If you might be able to help out by donating 35-40 tree stumps we would be very grateful. Please let the office know if you might be able to help.

### **PTA Notices**

#### **Excess/duplicate Christmas presents**

Please keep our PTA in mind over the Christmas period with regard to excess or duplicate presents you may receive. Our raffle team is always in need of good quality surplus gifts, for example unopened alcohol. After Christmas you can drop surplus gifts at the school office, in a bag labelled 'for the attention of PTA'. Gift items for children are also welcome. Thank you in advance!

#### **The Ball by the Lake**

Thank you parents for responding so quickly to register interest. Both balls are almost sold out. If you would like to go, and have not yet registered interest, there are limited places available. The balls take place at St. Michael's Manor on February 2nd (Junior parents) and March 30th (Infant parents). Tickets cost £60 per person. Please e-mail [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com) as soon as **possible if you are interested.**

Have a lovely weekend.

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