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Dear Parent/Carer

Now that we are in December, and our lead up to Christmas is in full swing, I wanted to remind you of some of the upcoming exciting events we have planned.

### Christmas Hampers

We are holding our popular themed Christmas hamper raffle once again in our efforts to raise some much needed funds to replenish and update our reading areas in school. We hope to buy new books for every class. Tickets are £1 and will be on sale on the School Gateway and from Upper School playground at the start of the school day from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We are still looking for donations for the hampers in order to make these as fabulous as possible for the lucky winners – **please send donations into school with your child or leave them at the school office as soon as possible so that the hampers can be made up.** The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### Christmas Performances

If you have not yet booked your tickets for your child's performance on the school booking system, please do so as soon as possible as places are filling up fast. If you are experiencing any problems, please contact Mrs Clay in the school office. A reminder that all morning performances begin at 9.30am, and all afternoon performances start at 2pm. As usual, tea and coffee will be available prior to each performance for a small donation.

### Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Parties

We will be serving our traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If your child does not usually have a school meal, but would like a Christmas lunch please don't forget to complete the form being sent out separately. In order to add to the festive atmosphere in school on this day, we will be allowing all children to wear their Christmas jumper if they wish to do so. In addition, year group Christmas parties will be taking place over the final week of term. As always, children should come to school dressed in their party clothes on this day, however please ensure that they have sensible footwear and a warm coat as they will still be going outdoors at playtime and lunchtime.

### Toy Day

Our final day of this term will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. On this day, children in Year 1 -6 will be able to bring in a toy to play with. Please make sure that no expensive or electronic devices are brought into school, as school can not be responsible for any loss or damage caused. Further information and guidance on this will be provided by your child's class teacher.



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### Return to school

Our new school term commences for children on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. As you will know, for some time we have been opening doors 15 minutes before registration closes. We have noticed the detrimental effect of some children arriving later than their peers (as doors are closing). This means that these children are often missing out on valuable learning time – up to one hour 15 minutes per week. Therefore, **from January, we would like all children to arrive at school as the doors open (Lower School 8.40am, Upper School 8.45 am.)** To help with this transition period, doors will continue to remain open for 15 minutes until February half term. We would very much appreciate your support, as class teachers have revised timetables in accordance with this. We will be evaluating the effect of this change at half term.

### Uniform

Finally, a plea to everyone to ensure that our school uniform rules are adhered to and that all items of clothing coming into school are clearly labelled with your child's name. This greatly assists with returning lost items of clothing to their rightful owner.

Many thanks for your continued help and support. I look forward to catching up with many of you over the coming weeks at our wonderful Christmas performances. In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

*A. Young*

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