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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Meetings this week – a very impressive 98% of parents met with the class teachers, which is the highest it has ever been! The teachers really appreciated having the opportunity to talk to you about how your child is doing.

Here are some reminders and updates for the rest of term:

Whole School/FOSS Christmas Fair: Sunday 10th December 1-4pm
We look forward to seeing you at Standlake Village Hall...

Whole School/Christmas Post Box: from Monday 11th December
Children can send Christmas cards to each other using the Post Box that is in our office reception. Please make sure they put the **name** and **class** the child is in. *Note: Murphy (Nursery and Reception), Donaldson (Year 1&2), Dahl (Year 3&4), Morpurgo (year 4&5) Shakespeare (Year 5&6).*

Whole School/Dance is cancelled: Monday 11th December
Mrs Isard is away so there will not be any Dance at Standlake Superstars this week. Fun and Games with Mr Weaving will be on offer instead. Dance will be back on the following week (18th December).

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6/Swimming: Tuesday 12th December
All the children who have NOT been swimming this Autumn term will be going swimming on Tuesday. This is so we can reassess them to help decide which children need to go swimming in the Spring term. *It is likely that there will be a mix of children from this term who went swimming and those that didn't swim go this term who will be going in the Spring term.*

Murphy & Donaldson Class/Nativity Play: Thursday 14th, 2pm & 6pm (and 7pm Zoom recording)
The children will be doing a dress rehearsal in the morning so all the children in the school, including siblings, will get to see it. Please could the children arrive at 5.30pm for the 6.00pm performance.

If your child is in Nursery and does not normally attend on Thursdays, they are very welcome to come in for our performances. Please ensure they are here in good time before the show and that there is someone able to collect them after the performance. We will also be recording the Nativity on Wednesday 13th at 10.30am. If you would like your child to be in the video, they are very welcome to come in then.

A reminder that there are two tickets per family and four tickets for families that are separated. We will be showing a recording of the play on Zoom at 7pm for those who are not able to attend – a link will be sent closer to the time. Also, the children will be performing two of the songs in the church (where we are less limited on space) the following week, where grandparents and extended family are welcome.

Thank you for your understanding that we are a small school with a very small hall so must limit the tickets available. I also thank you in advance for not giving staff a hard time about the limited ticket availability!

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Whole School/Performing Arts: Thursday 14th December.

Due to setting up for the nativity play, there will not be any Performing Arts at Standlake Superstars on this day. The rest of Superstars will continue as normal, with Fun and Games with Mr Weaving for children who would normally attend Performing Arts.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6/World War II Day: Friday 15th December, all day.

We are planning a World War Two themed day for the children. During the day, the children will be off timetable and will take part in a number of activities around the topic of WW2. We would like the children to dress up for the day. Please do not feel that you need to go and buy a costume – embrace the spirit of ‘make do and mend’ by using items you already have in the house.

Reception and Year 1 & 2/Panto Trip: Friday 15th, all morning.

Please make sure the children arrive at school by 8.30am so we can get them ready for the coach journey to the Oxford Playhouse. The coach will be leaving at 8.40am. The children need to come to school with a packed lunch on this day.

Nursery/Open Morning: Monday 18th December, 9.30-11.30

All the children who will be in Nursery from 1st January 2024 will have a chance to be in their new classroom (currently called Donaldson Classroom) and meet their teacher, Mrs List.

Year 1 & 2/Moving Day: Monday 18th December.

The children will be moving into their new classroom, where they will spend the rest of the year. Their new classroom is beside the playground, near the school hall exit. Drop-Off and Pick-Up will be at the classroom door on the playground.

Whole School/Christmas Dinner and Christmas Service: Tuesday 19th December 2.00-3.00pm

Please sign your child up for the Christmas Dinner by **Monday 11th December.**

We have brought forward the Christmas Service by 30 minutes so we can include more songs and readings from all the children. The children in iRock bands will also be performing in this service. Parents, family, and friends are all welcome. Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day.

Whole School/Last Day: Wednesday 20th December 8.45am-1.15pm

The children will get to open their exciting FOSS Classroom Christmas Box, make the craft, play the games, and eat the treats! Children can wear their Christmas Jumper on this day.

There will not be any Standlake Superstars sessions in the afternoon, just the morning session.

Whole School/Standlake Superstars: Term 3

We will be sending out the new timetable for Term 3 in the next week. Please do not sign your children up for any sessions until you have seen what is on offer. Thank you.

Finally, we are sad to announce that Miss Fenwick will be leaving at the end of term. However, we are excited for her because it is furthering her career by becoming a Behaviour Support Professional, applying her psychology degree to support high needs children in schools. We wish her the very best of luck and will say a proper ‘goodbye’ at the end of term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrew Denham