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Dear Parents and Carers,

If you need to contact Mrs Bacon please either email on head@haresfield.gloucs.sch.uk or ring school as I do not always get the class dojo messages straight away – phone signal in school is poor!

A massive Thank you

Thank you so much to all of the helpers that made Friday evening such a success. It was a lovely evening, and I know that the children had a great time. Also thank you to all of you who gave so generously to support the PTFA.



Book Fayre

The book fayre will be in school for the next week. This is a great opportunity to buy some Christmas presents and the commission goes directly to school to purchase new books for our school library.



Secret Santa

Mrs Buckle will be holding a **Secret Santa sale in school**. This is an opportunity for us to reinforce the message that Christmas is about giving to others rather than focussing on what we get. There will be a variety of gifts that children can buy and secretly take home for mummies and daddies. The gifts will range from £3.50 to £5.00. Please ensure your child has the money in a named envelope if you would like them to buy a secret gift.

Christmas Cards for Sale

Each child has made unique Christmas cards that are available for them to send to special family members. They are £4 for a set of 4. If you would like to buy your child's Christmas card they will be available at the Nativity or please pop into the office to see Mrs Buckle.

Christmas Cards

The School Christmas post box has been put in the central area for children to send Christmas cards to their friends. Please make sure they put the class that their friend is in on the front of the envelope to make sure they get to the correct child. Please no chocolate coins or sweets attached to the cards as we have children with allergies. Thank you.



Infant nativity

There will be a dress rehearsal for the nativity on Wednesday 11th at 1:45pm. The children in Squirrels and Badgers classes will get to see the play and we are very happy to welcome preschool children along to this as well as parents who cannot make Thursday. You do not need a ticket for the Wednesday afternoon performance but please do let Mrs Bacon or Mrs Buckle know if you would like to come.

On Thursday 12th December the performances are at 1:45pm and 5:30pm. Mrs Buckle is printing tickets out for us. These performances are for adults only please.



Tickets are now available from the office and are £1.00 each. There will be a mince pie (or a cake) for £1 with a free drink of either mulled wine or Orange Henry on the Thursday afternoon and evening performances. Please remember cash.

We try to accommodate all requests for tickets but we do need to make sure all families get at least 2 tickets per performance so that all can see their children perform. Please send your requirements and the money into the office as soon as possible. Please add your extra requirements to the envelope and Mrs Buckle will sort it for us.

Please remember we do not allow children into the Thursday performances – all the school children get to watch the nativity on Wednesday and to give the little ones a fair chance we only invite adults into the Thursday performances. There will be a crèche provided on Thursday evening, the children need to return to school for the evening performance between 5:10 and 5:20 and if you are not staying, they will be available to be picked up from the courtyard at approximately 6:30pm.

Clubs next week

All other clubs finish this week.

Christmas Lunch

There will be Christmas lunch for all children Tuesday 17th December. For junior children please pay on your ParentPay account, if you have any problems with this please contact Mrs Buckle.

Christingle Service

This year we are holding the Christingle service on Tuesday 17th December at 6:00 pm at St Peter's Church. Aimed at children of all ages, the service raises money for the Children's Society, a national charity who uses the money to help disadvantaged children. A collecting candle will be given to each child this week to be brought back to school or along to the service if you are coming. Every child is given a Christingle – an orange decorated with sweets and a lighted candle. Children of all ages are welcome and do not need to be school members. Some junior children may be asked to read a prayer etc. so if you know you will definitely not be coming please let them know so they don't volunteer!



Help Needed!

Mrs Buckle needs a team of helpers to make Christingles for all the children before the service. We have set aside the morning of Tuesday 17th at 9 o'clock for this and would welcome as many

helpers as we can get...many hands make light work! Can you let Mrs Buckle know if you are able to help.



Christmas jumper day

School council would like the children to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Wednesday 18th December. We are asking each child to bring a £1 to school that day for charity. The money will be sent to Save the Children Fund.



End of term Carols

We are having a carol concert in the school hall on Wednesday 18th at 1:45pm. All are welcome, please ask nans, grandads, aunts and uncles to join us if they wish. We expect to finish at 2:45 for the end of term. If you are not attending the concert please make arrangements for your children to be picked up at this time.

Parking / Driving in Haresfield

Please can all visitors to school be considerate to our local community. There have been a few complaints recently about cars turning in driveways and bad language being used towards the villagers. I can only ask on behalf of those residents that you turn at the top of the road. We also will be parking in the road for Christingle, the nativity and the end of term carol concert. Please do not block driveways or park on the zigzags. For your safety be aware that the lane is very dark and there are no street lights.

Online safety for parents

#SaferByChristmas

This December, the National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team will be posting a series of tips across X and Facebook called #SaferByChristmas.

#SaferByChristmas starts on 9th December 2024 and will share 12 days of quick, easy actions for parents and carers to take to better protect their children online.

#SaferByChristmas aims to increase the protective capabilities of parents and carers, particularly at a time of year when many children and young people are gifted new devices and when online usage increases with schools closed for the festive break.



Starting on

Monday 9th December

12 days of quick, easy actions to take, helping your child to be **#SaferByChristmas** on their online devices

#SaferByChristmas

DATES FOR THE DIARY – more information about events will follow when needed.

Wednesday 11 th Dec	Infant nativity (performed for school + preschool children)
Thursday 12 th December	Infant nativity performances for families 1:45 + 5:30
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Carousel day (crafts and cookery day)
Monday 16 th December	NO CLUBS (except gymnastics)
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17 th December	Christingle 6pm at St Peter’s Church (all Invited)
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Wednesday 18 th December	Carols in the hall 1:45 pm Early Finish
Thursday + Friday	INSET / staff training – No children in school
	End of term
Monday 6 th January 2025	All back in school
April 2025 (7 th – 11 th)	Residential Y5 and Y6

