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Dear Parents and Carers

Warning: Suspicious Activity

I'd like to start this week by sharing a concern raised by the primary school in Christleton yesterday. Parents alerted staff there that three men in a silver transit type van were behaving suspiciously in the village. No specific incident was reported, although the police were informed of the parents' concerns. The schools in our area have been asked to share this information with parents and to advise you all to be vigilant, particularly if you have older children who like to walk to and from school without you.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity: 'Lights, Camel, Action!' on 15th December

We have reached that very exciting time in the term when our Wrens and Robins get together for their nativity performances. This year's nativity will certainly make you smile and I hope you'll be able to join us for one (or both!) of the performances at the village hall on **Thursday** next week. The afternoon show starts at **2.00 pm** and the evening performance begins at **6.30 pm** (the children need to arrive at **6.00 pm**). A couple of parents suggested that the school could record the nativity and sell DVDs so we have asked the wonderful Mrs Featherstone to bring along her equipment on the night. Copies of the nativity will be available to buy from the school for £5 as soon as we can get them ready! Any money we raise will go towards our hall fundraising.

Building Work Update

We had our latest site meeting with the architects and contractors this week and we are hoping that the roof may be on the classroom before we break up for Christmas. Both the hall and classroom are coming along nicely and it's wonderful to see everything taking shape. If you want to have a look, you're very welcome to walk down the side path (next to the Bluebell Nursery) and out onto the field or if you'd prefer to avoid the mud, take a look at our [photo gallery](#) which has been updated with the most recent images. We are expecting the kitchen refurbishment to begin around February half term and it's very likely that Mrs Dutton will be unable to prepare food on site for a short period of time. I met with Edsential this week to plan for this and I will let you know more after the Christmas break.

Years 1 to 6 Visit to the New Vic Theatre: 13th December 2016



Our annual visit to the New Vic Theatre will take place on **Tuesday** next week. As usual, it's difficult to predict what the traffic will be like on the return journey but we are aiming to be back in Tilston for **6.00 pm**. If there is a significant delay, we will contact you via our text messaging service. When the children get off the coaches, they will return to their classrooms and we will check them off before handing them over to you. Thanks for your patience in this matter. The school will provide a drink and snack for all the children taking part.

Joint Carol Service: 18th December 2016

The school choir has been invited to participate in the annual Joint Carol Service at St Mary's Church on **Sunday, 18th December** at **6.30 pm**. If your child is in the choir, we would be very grateful if he/she could come along and sing with members of our staff choir. A green letter has been sent out to members of the choir and we would be grateful if the reply slip could be returned to school as soon as possible. Thanks.

Personal Development

This week, we have been looking for children who **understand others**. For our younger children, this may include showing an awareness of who is talking and beginning to listen to other people's point of view. As we move through the school, our older pupils are working towards listening to others and changing their behaviours to suit different situations. Well done to the following children who have excelled this week:

 STARS OF THE WEEK 	
YR	Harriet: for looking after and helping a new child to settle into the Wrens class
Y1	Joseph: for being kind and aware of other people's feelings
Y2	Hattie Hunter: for always trying to help her friends and understand their feelings
Y3	Thomas: for helping others without being asked during the Roman trip to Chester
Y4	Laura: for understanding and cooperating when others needed help
Y5	Oliver C: for listening first to others before trying to be understood
Y6	Denis: for understanding others' points of view

Drama Club

Ellen Edwin-Scott is running a new drama club for our KS2 pupils and a good number of children attended the free taster session last month. The club starts after Christmas and will run on Wednesdays after school. Ellen has asked for registration forms to be completed and returned by next Friday (16th). If you need any further information, see Ellen at the school gate, call (01829) 250 117 or email ellenedwinscott@yahoo.co.uk.

Dates for December

Here is another reminder of the events taking place over the next fortnight:

11 th Dec	Fabulous Family Christmas Tree Service at St Mary's Church 4.00 pm
13 th Dec	New Vic Theatre visit Years 1 to 6 (due back in Tilston approx. 6.00 pm) Stay and Play at Bluebell Nursery 1.30 – 3.30 pm
14 th Dec	Flu vaccinations for pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3
15 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 2.00 pm and 6.30 pm (village hall)
18 th Dec	Carol Service at St Mary's Church 6.30 pm (school choir needed)
20 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
21 st Dec	KS2 Christingle Service at St Mary's Church 6.30 pm (all junior children)
22 nd Dec	Christmas Parties Break up for Christmas

EYFS Visit to Threapwood Christmas Trees

Children from our Reception class and the Bluebell Nursery enjoyed a lovely visit to [Threapwood Christmas Trees](#) yesterday. They decorated baubles, put their wishes on the Christmas tree and took part in a treasure hunt. They chose the school's Christmas tree and watched as it was chopped down and prepared for its journey to Tilston. The visit also included a drink of juice and a cake, and then the children returned to school with a Christmas plant and goodies! We would like to express our thanks to Andrew Corbett for providing this fabulous experience for the children and for donating the Christmas tree to the school.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 12th December 2016

Monday	Cheese & tomato pizza with wedges or jacket potato with cheese
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognese with crusty bread or jacket with tuna
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Sweet & sour chicken with rice or jacket potato with cheese and salad
Friday	Fish and chips or jacket potato with cheese

CHRISTMAS FAIR: TONIGHT AT 6.00 pm



I look forward to seeing you later today for the **Christmas Fair**. This year's event takes place at the village hall and will start at **6.00 pm**. Thanks in advance for your support and a huge thank you to Louise and her team of volunteers for all their hard work!

Yours sincerely

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