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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank You!

I can't thank you enough for your kind words and generosity! My leaving assembly this morning was a lovely occasion and it was so nice to see so many of you in school. The assembly included contributions from each of the four classes, the school choir, staff and governors. I'd like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work in putting together this memorable event for me and for my fabulous leaving gifts. I am thrilled with the Apple Watch and I know many of you contributed to this. Thanks ever so much! I'm still around next week so I hope to catch up with you again before my final day on Friday. Thanks again to everyone.

Winter Weather

I'm so sorry that we weren't able to keep the school open on Monday. When making such a decision, a risk assessment is undertaken based on the welfare of the children. This involves us looking at whether or not we feel the children can get to and from school safely, how safe the site is and how many members of staff we have in school to supervise. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused on Monday but on this occasion, I felt that this was in the best interests of both the children and staff. It's good to see the roads clear again and fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us for the remainder of the term.

Joint Carol Service: Sunday, 17th December

The school choir has been invited to participate in the annual Joint Carol Service at St Mary's Church on **Sunday, 17th December at 6.30 pm**. If your child is in the choir and can attend, please could he/she come along in school uniform (ideally no later than 6.20 pm). Thank you.

Christingle Service: Wednesday, 20th December at 6.30 pm



Our Y3/4 and Y5/6 classes will be leading their Christingle Service on **Wednesday** next week. The service starts at **6.30 pm** and we would like all the children in church at **6.15 pm** in their school uniforms. We look forward to seeing you for this service. Your child is bringing home a donation candle and if you would like to fill this with coins, you will help us to raise money for The

Children's Society. Please return donation candles by Wednesday.

Nativity and New Vic Visit

In other news, our EYFS and Year 1/2 pupils treated us to two fabulous performances of their nativity, 'A King is Born'. Thanks to everyone involved in putting together this wonderful retelling of the Christmas story and to the Tilston School Association for serving refreshments on both evenings. On Wednesday, pupils from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed their visit to the New Vic Theatre for 'Treasure Island'. As usual, we were very proud of their impeccable behaviour on the visit.

Personal Development Goals

This week's personal development goal is **improve**. Well done to the following children who have taken their own small steps to greatness:

Stars of the Week

YR	Alfie: for improving his turn taking skills
Y1	John: for improving his concentration in class
Y2	Finley: for improved concentration with his written work
Y3	Zakk: for improving his writing and working hard
Y4	Jessica: for showing great improvement in reading
Y5	Molly W: for seeking the opinion of others to help identify improvements
Y6	Joseph: for improving relationships during work and play

Year 3/4 100 Pebble Treat: Thursday, 21st December

The Year 3/4 House Martins will be having their 100 Pebble Treat on **Thursday** next week. They will be treated to a movie and can come into school in their own clothes (or pyjamas) with a teddy!

Premier Sport Clubs



Our Premier Sports coaches will be running two new clubs next half term for **KS2** children. These will be **Y3/4 gymnastics** on **Mondays** and **Y5/6 fencing** on **Fridays**. There will be a small charge of **£1 per session** to cover some of the coaching costs. For our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, there will be planned activities running through lunchtime on Mondays. Our Premier Sport clubs will start **during the week beginning 8th January 2018** so please return your permission slip as soon as possible if your child would like to take part. Places are limited to 16 and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Clubs will run for **6 weeks** up until February half term.



Christmas Parties: Friday, 22nd December

Our Christmas parties will take place on **Friday**, the last day of term. Your child is welcome to come into school in his/her party clothes for the whole day. The school will provide snacks and drinks for the party.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 18th December 2017	
Monday	All day breakfast (pork or Quorn sausage)
Tuesday	Minced beef pie, baby potatoes and vegetables or jacket potato and cheese
Wednesday	Christmas dinner
Thursday	Sweet chilli chicken, noodles and vegetables or Ploughman's lunch
Friday	Fish and chips or pizza and chips

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Thanks again for making today such a special one for me!

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Name of child Year group

Please tick (✓) to indicate your child's choice/s:

Club	Age Group	✓
Gymnastics	Y3 & Y4	
Fencing	Y5 & Y6	

*There is a £6 charge for these clubs for the half term.

I would like my child to attend after school clubs and will arrange for him/her to be collected from school at the end of the session. I will ensure my child takes part in all the sessions.

Please tick as appropriate:

I enclose payment of £..... (please make cheques payable to Cheshire West and Chester)

OR

I have paid online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Signed Parent/Guardian