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Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production: Rehearsals for this year's Christmas Production are well under way and tickets will be issued next week to those parents who have returned the reply slip **AND** made their payment via ParentPay. We would really appreciate any **raffle prizes** you can donate to KS1's Christmas Hampers. There will be a raffle at each performance. Collection boxes for raffle donations will be outside of classrooms from **4th December**.

A huge thank you to Reception parents for donating a new tree that Key Stage 1 can use to display their Christmas tree decorations at the Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival next week. We really appreciate your generosity. We are still in need of a second tree so if anyone has tree they would be willing to loan/donate to the school we would be most grateful. If older children have nativity costumes they no longer need/want these would be very useful for our current Key Stage One children. The next Mary, Joseph, shepherd or star would most probably be very appreciative.

Absence & Late Arrival: At this time of year we do experience a lot of pupil absence due to coughs, colds etc. Please remember that if your child will not be at school you should phone the school office by 9am and leave a message on the answering machine. We have to account for each child in the school EVERY DAY and if we do not hear from you or cannot contact you your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence. If your child arrives after registration at 8.55am or is late due to a medical or other appointment they **MUST** be signed in at the office by a parent/carer.

Breakfast Club: Please remember to return booking forms for next term as soon as possible. Tuesdays are getting very booked up and places for this day will be filled on a first come first served basis. Breakfast Club staff would like to remind you that in order to ensure children are ready for class at 8.50am and the staff have time to clear up, the last breakfast serving is at 8.20am.

School Disco: Last week's Exminster School Association School Disco raised an amazing £775! We would like to thank everyone who helped make the evening such a success: School Association members, Teachers and support Staff.

School Nursing Team: Please see the attached Newsletter from the School Nursing Team.

Parent Information Sessions: This week's Parent Information Session at Withycombe Raleigh School is entitled 'Preparing for Christmas for those children who have suffered loss or change'. Please see the attached flyer.

Christingle: This year's Christingle Service will take place in St Martin's Church on Sunday 3rd December at 4pm where the school choir will, once again, be performing. Christingle is an opportunity to support The Children's Society in their invaluable work with the children of families in crisis. This year each child in the school will receive a collecting box for small family donations which can either be taken to the Christingle Service or returned to school by the end of term. Please remember that you should not collect house to house. If you would to attend the Christingle Service, all children should be accompanied by an adult and, as lighted candles will be involved, all long hair should be tied back.

St Martin's Church: On Saturday 9th December, the church is holding a Crib Festival from 10am to 5pm. Come and see the beautiful church displaying the splendour of the Nativity! Light refreshments will be served all day.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 23 November	3H Class Assembly	Thursday 30 November	5W Class Assembly
Friday 1 December	Year 2 Cake Stall	Sunday 3 December	Christingle Service
Tuesday 5 December	Reception Nativity	Thursday 7 December	3F Class Assembly
Tuesday 12 December	Yr 1&2 Christmas Production	Wednesday 13 December	Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinners
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Friday 15 December	Last Day of Term		

