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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas seems to be fast approaching, preparations for the school play have already started and there's talk of decorations (apparently we are going to be 1st December in the village advent display!).

Christmas Hamper Raffle and Non-Uniform Day - Friday 1st December

The Friends of the School will be organising their annual 'Christmas Hamper' raffle. Raffle tickets for the hamper will be available at Coffee and Carols and the Christmas performances. They cost £1.00 a ticket. On Friday 1st December we will be having a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Friends of the School to buy produce for the hamper. If your child would like to wear non-uniform, please send £1.00 into school. The raffle for the hamper will be drawn after the evening Christmas Play performance.

Christmas Stay and Play - Tuesday 5th December

On Tuesday afternoon at 2pm, Foundation (both nursery and reception) will be having a 'Stay and Play'. Parents or carers are welcome to attend and take part in some Christmas activities. Please can you email the school office to let us know who will be attending. Any other pre-school children and their parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend. If you know any other pre-school children in the village, please let them know that they'd be welcome to attend too. They can email the school office or pop into reception.

Christmas Wreath Making - Wednesday 6th December 6.30pm (ADULTS ONLY)

If you would like to join us to make a Christmas wreath, you can sign up on Schoolcomms. Tickets are £15.00 and this includes a glass of mulled wine, a mince pie/biscuit. If you have a big garden, any donations of foliage would be much appreciated. Please bring your own secateurs if possible. There will be additional wreaths/table decorations to be raffled. Tables will be set up in groups of four. If you are planning on coming with a few friends and need a bigger table, please email the school office with WREATH in the subject box and we will endeavour to organise the right sized table. Please sign up via Schoolcomms by Wednesday 29th November to guarantee your ticket as after this date we will open the event to members of the community. If you have neighbours who are asking please let them know that they can either buy tickets from the school office or the Post Office.

Coffee and Carols' - Thursday 7th December

Our annual Coffee and Carols event will take place on Thursday 7th December. This event starts at 2pm. The children will be joined by North Ferriby Ladies' Choir and both school and the choir will sing some songs together and individually. We are also hoping our own choir will perform a song too. The concert will last until about 2.45pm with a short break in the middle so the children stretch their legs and get some fresh air! We will then hand your children over to you so that you can go and shop at the Christmas stalls together. Please could you sign up on Schoolcomms to let us know who will be coming to 'Coffee and Carols' to support your child.

Christmas Play -Wednesday 13th December

The school will be performing a whole school musical nativity called 'Lights, Camel, Action'. The performances will take place at 9.30am and 6.00pm on **Wednesday 13th December**. The evening performance will be for adults only. **EACH FAMILY WILL BE ALLOCATED TWO PLACES FOR EACH PERFORMANCE.** If parents live in separate households, each household will be allocated two tickets for both performances. Unfortunately, there will be no extra adult places this year - sorry no trading! However, it is always nice to see our ex-pupils, so if you have a secondary age sibling that would like to come and watch the play, please email the school office and we will endeavour to accommodate them. Please sign up via Schoolcomms, indicating if you want one or two places at each performance. We won't be sending home tickets but will sign everyone in on the door at each performance.

Carol Singing - Tesco Thursday 14th December - 4pm to 5pm

As part of Class 3's fundraising efforts for their Keppleway residential, we have been invited to Carol Sing at Tesco in Beverley on Thursday 15th December. We are hoping that Class 2 will support Class 3 (their turn to go to Keppleway will come around more quickly than we think!). Class 1 are also welcome to join us. Parents need to stay in store whilst the children take part in the singing. Class 1 and Reception siblings are welcome to join in too. Please sign up on Schoolcomms.

Christmas Carol Service - Monday 18th December 2.45pm

All are welcome to our Christmas Carol Service that will take place at Rowley Church on **Monday 18th December** in the afternoon. Weather permitting, staff and children will walk to the church for the start of the service. The Carol Service will start at 2.45pm and we will be having a practice before the service so please can anyone who is joining us for the service arrive no earlier than 2.35pm. Please can you sign up on Schoolcomms to let us know who will be supporting your child at the service. If you are unable to attend, please ensure that there is someone at the church to collect your child by 3.25pm.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 20th December

This year's Christmas dinner will be on **Wednesday 20th December**. Meals can be ordered on the day as normal. There will be no jacket potato option on this day.

Party Day -Thursday 21st December

Please can your child come to school in their party clothes (with some appropriate outdoor shoes and coat to wear at playtime!). They will have their school lunch as usual. In the afternoon they will have their party food. We will send home a party bag; please can you put some party food and a drink in this bag?

Friday 22nd December

We look forward to inviting She Productions into school with their Christmas performance - The Three Wise Women. This will take place on Friday afternoon. Many thanks to the Friends for financing this event.

Phew! I think that's everything for now! Please look out for the events on Schoolcomms from Tuesday 21st November.

Thank you for your continued support.



Susie Varley
Headteacher

Dates for Autumn Term 2023

Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 23 rd November	Flu Vaccinations (for children whose parents have completed the consent).
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform day to raise funds for the Christmas Hamper
Tuesday 5 th December	Foundation 'Stay and Play' 2.00pm to 3.15pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Wreath Making (adults only - from 6.30pm)
Thursday 7 th December	Coffee and Carols - 2.00pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Play day - performances at 9.30am and 6pm
Thursday 14 th December	Carol Singing at Tescos - Class 3 (and all others welcome to attend).
Monday 18 th December	Carol Service at St Peter's Rowley (2.45pm)
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas party day (party clothes and a small party snack)
Friday 22 nd December	No afternoon nursery session Finish for Christmas

*Below are proposed dates for **key events** in the Spring and Summer terms. Hopefully these will not change but if for any reasons they do, we will let you know as soon as possible. Year 6 pupils that will be joining Cottingham High School in September 2023 will hopefully be spending the second to last week of the summer term at CHS.*

Spring Term Dates 2024

Tuesday 9 th January	Back to school
Friday 9 th February	Finish for half term
Monday 19 th February	Back to school
Monday 4 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day- Family Reading Breakfast 8.30am
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 18 th March	Easter Service at St Peter's Rowley 2.45pm
Friday 22 nd March	Finish for Easter
	No Friday play session

Summer Term Dates 2024

Tuesday 9 th April	Back to school
Monday 6 th May	School closed - May Day Bank Holiday
Week Beg 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Week Beg 20 th May	Kepplewray Visit for Y5/6
Friday 24 th May	Finish for half term
Tuesday 4 th June	Back to school
WB 4 th June /10 th June	Multiplication tables check for Y4s to take during these weeks
Thursday 6 th June	Sports Evening
Monday 10 th June	Year 1/2 phonics testing to take place this week
Tuesday 11 th June	Alternative date for Sports Evening
Tuesday 25 th June	Whole School Trip (TBC)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Awards Service
Friday 5 th July	Posh Party
Monday 8 th July	Year 6 who are attending CHS next year to attend for the week
Tuesday 9 ^h July	Moving Up Morning (Children to new classes)
Saturday 13 th July	Summer Fair 11am-1pm
Thursday 18 th July	Leavers (2.45pm)
Friday 19 th July	Finish for the summer
	No Friday Play session today

