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Dear Parents, Carers

As we are approaching the end of the month, we are indeed preparing for the Christmas period with the Christmas Fair performances and Christmas Dinner. Just to confirm the performance dates and venues and Christmas fair and Breakfast with Santa

Wednesday 13th December Breakfast with Santa **SOLD OUT**

Wednesday 13th December THE CHRISTMAS FAIR 3.30 -500pm (Please note all children will be dismissed as normal but will enter the fair **with their parents** via the main entrance on Oxford Road at 3.30pm

Friday 1st December – MUFTI day. Children can wear their own clothes tomorrow. Donations of any type of bottle, chocolates or unopened gifts would be greatly appreciated for the tomobolas at the Christmas Fair

Thursday 14th December Key Stage 1 Years 1 and 2 Performance 2.15pm St Edmunds Church

Friday 15th December Key Stage 2 Years 3,4,5, 6 Carol Concert 2.15pm St Edmunds Church

Monday 18th December Early Years Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance - School Hall 2.15pm

Tuesday 19th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 20th December Cinema Trip

Reading Thank you for all you are doing to promote reading at home by ensuring that your child is listened to regularly. The reading log which goes between school and home is greatly valued by school and with great engagement between home and school, our children make great progress!

School Open day Sessions

Thanks to our Year 6 children who spoke to new parents so confidently and positively about their experiences of primary school. They were a credit to their families and the school.

Parents' Evening

Thanks to all parents who attended our parents' meetings recently. Ideally, we would like to say that we have seen every parent this term so, if for any reason, you haven't been able to make an appointment, please contact your child's teacher early next term to set up a time to meet with them.

Attendance and Punctuality

A large part of unauthorised absence can be attributed to lateness. Our overall unauthorised absence could be reduced significantly by improving everybody's punctuality

A child who is late for school experiences some degree of stress as they have missed the start of lessons and can be disorientated as they try to catch up. The lesson is disturbed as they enter their class and find their place, put their coat away. They are distracting to others and this adds to their anxiety and takes away the focus from the class/

Recently, the school has received criticism for being too accepting or understanding of poor punctuality. We know that children of primary age are very largely dependent on parents or family members to get them to school on time so please make every effort to arrive before the gates close on the various playgrounds.

LATE ARRIVALS RESULT IN UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

Attendance figures w/e 24th November 2033

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Y 1/2G	Y2	Y3	Y3/4C	Y4	Y5	Y56	Y6
88.2 %	83.1 %	91.4 %	95.5%	91.3%	92.2%	98.1%	94.2%	88.3%	96.0%	97.7%

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Poppy Appeal – Thanks to your generosity our school managed to raise £477.27 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Many thanks.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Robinwood

Please pay through School Gateway for Year 6 residential to Robinwood.

Enjoy the weekend with your families and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Yours sincerely,



Kieran A Loftus Headteacher

