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“At Thurnham we learn to love and love to learn.”

Dear Parents,

I know it seems early still, but as we are already planning Christmas in school this short newsletter will hopefully help you understand arrangements.

Advent Market - Friday 24 November - Reminder

The Advent Market starts from 2:15pm. Children can be collected from classroom back doors if you wish, or they can stay with their class teacher until the end of school and be collected at the usual time.

There is a one way system for parents collecting children so please read this carefully.

- ★ Please go through the gates by Silver class and round to your child's back classroom door. I will be there to guide everyone. If you are already in the school, you need to go out of the front door of the school and round through the gates.
- ★ Note, the office is open as usual but is NOT an entry point for the Advent Market. Mrs Branchett spends a lot of time redirecting people to the appropriate entrance otherwise.
- ★ Once you have collected your child you can go round the back of the school and through the cloakroom door by Purple class and on through the double doors to the hall to return to the market.

I know this sounds complicated, but we will put out signs to help on the day.

Children will leave their coats and bags in their classrooms and return later to collect them before they go home.

Please note that when you have picked up your child from the classroom s/he becomes your responsibility, so please supervise carefully - the Advent Market gets very busy.

As part of promoting the Advent Market, Friends Of Thurnham have asked if the children can have another non-uniform day, also with the option of wearing a Christmas jumper on Friday 24 November. I am happy to let the children do this.

Note, wearing the Christmas jumper is not a requirement so please don't go and buy one especially for this day!

Christmas Tree

Next week we will be putting up the Christmas tree in the Hall in readiness for the Advent Market.

A huge wave of excitement always goes around the children when it is set up and we work hard to help the children understand we are only in Advent and end of term has not arrived yet. They still have lots of work to do!

Christmas Dinner - Thursday 14 December

Mrs Branchett will send out a flyer concerning Christmas lunches shortly. I appreciate so many children now stay for dinner anyway but it may be for that day only (if your child usually has a packed lunch and they may want a festive meal).

Christmas Productions Tickets - Tuesday 12 and Friday 15 December

Letters concerning these tickets will be sent out soon so remember, if you do not need them please return them to the office and we can redistribute them. If you would like a spare ticket the office will operate a waiting list for returns on a first come, first served basis. Just to be clear - the Reception and Year 1 productions take place in the Hall, the Year 2 Carol Service takes place at Holy Cross Church. We decided to put the Year 1 production first and Reception second as the Reception children do take a little longer to get ready!

IMPORTANT - Y2 Carol Service Tuesday 12 December

This will now be held at Holy Cross Church at 1:45pm. We have moved it fifteen minutes earlier as we think it will be hard for those Year 2 parents with other children at Thurnham and Roseacre to get back to school quickly otherwise.

The children will walk to the church after lunch with their teachers. *Please try not to arrive at the church before 1.30pm.*

I politely ask parents do not park near the Church or in the car park unless absolutely necessary, as the sheer volume of cars creates extreme congestion. Previously we had to deal with complaints from members of the public and residents whose cars had been blocked due to poor parking by some parents.

Children will need to be taken home by parents from the Church. Please ensure you either come to the church or make arrangements for your child to be collected from the Church.

Siblings in Year R and Year 1 can be looked after until you get back to Thurnham to pick them up if you are a little delayed in getting to school from Church. Please warn class teachers in your child's contact book.

I would like to thank parents for their ongoing support to the school. It is particularly appreciated by staff when we receive messages of thanks or praise for the little things we do.

I am sure the school events will make a lovely contribution to your festive season.

C K James
Headteacher