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Dear Families

Firstly, it's with great sadness that we have to inform you that our School Crossing patrol warden Elsie has passed away. We have sent your thoughts and prayers on to Elsie's family and they are very grateful for this at this difficult time. Elsie was a long serving hardworking member of our school community and was always so diligent in keeping all our children safe and she will be greatly missed by all.

**Attendance**

We have made a good start in terms of our goal in improving individual and whole school attendance this year. The first four weeks have been positive for most children. Good attendance really is a cornerstone of good outcomes for children. Please keep encouraging the children to come in. If you are unsure, my advice would always be to try to bring the children in and if they are struggling we will call you. As a parent of three, we all know that Monday mornings can be particularly tricky and good bedtime routines are essential. However, getting children into good habits around attendance as early as possible has huge benefits as they move through their educational journey. I must re-iterate that I am unable to approve any term time holidays.

**Attendance Matters**



**Year 6 Parents**

Please remember to apply for your child's Secondary School place by **Tuesday 31st October** at the latest. If you need any advice on this, please ask Ms Rogan or Mr Brown.

**Parent Events**

We know what a challenge it is to navigate the online world these days.

To support with this we have two Internet Safety sessions for parents. These are on:

**Friday 13 October from 2.15pm.**

**Thursday 2 November from 9.00am**

These are drop in sessions, but please let the office know if you intend to come.

**Christmas Events**

I always think it is useful to have as much notice as possible for such events. Listed below is a list of our Christmas events. These have also been published on the school website

<b>Christmas Diary</b>	<b>Date</b>
School Mass	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 9: 30am
Christmas Unwrapped	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November Y1, Y2
Christmas Unwrapped	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December Y4, Y5, Y6
EYFS Christmas Play	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am
Christmas Fair	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm
EYFS Christmas Party	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December pm
Key stage 1 Christmas Play	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am
Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party (Y4, Y5, Y6)	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December pm
Carol Service (St Joseph's Church) Y3,Y4,Y5.Y6	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 10:00am
Christmas Party (Y1,Y2,Y3)	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December pm
Christmas Movie	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December pm



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### **Christmas Fair**

This year, we will be having a Christmas Fair on the afternoon of Friday 15 December. If you have a craft or a collection of things to sell, you could hire a table for £10. No alcohol allowed on the premises though!

### **Contact details**

Please ensure that the Office team have up to date contact details for your child. If you have recently changed mobile or address, please let us know as a matter of urgency.

### **Collection Time**

Please ensure that all children are collected on time. If anyone comes on a bike, please wait until you are off the yard before riding it. We also cannot have dogs on the school yard for insurance purposes.

Mr Brown

Executive Head Teacher