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Dear Parents and Carers,

Look for a Light Lantern Display

We are really looking forward to our Christmas lantern display which will take place today (Wednesday 7th December) after school in the hall. To showcase the wonderful lanterns our children have made, we would like to invite parents and carers to come and visit the display straight after school today.

If you wish to attend, please collect your child as normal from their classroom door at the end of the day and then make your way back to the front of school and you will be let in through the main school office. You will then have the opportunity to walk through our beautiful lantern pathway in the hall and enjoy the lights with your child. We then ask that families leave the hall and exit school via the red key stage 2 cloakroom doors and through the gate near the Nursery and Reception classrooms. This gate will be left open until everyone has left.

At the start of the display, we will have a collection bucket and welcome any donations to our chosen charity, Compton Care. Thanks to everyone who donated Christmas jumpers and came to the sale on Monday – we are looking forward to sending off all donations in time for Christmas.

Other festive events:

The end of term is always busy with lots of events and activities. Below we have a reminder of the main events happening in school over the next week and a half as we prepare for Christmas.

We have our Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner day tomorrow (**Thursday**). Children are invited to wear their festive jumpers and clothing if they wish.

On **Tuesday 13th December**, Years 1-6 will be visiting St Chad and St Mark's Church for our Christmas crib service. Children will be walking to and from the church, supervised at all times by school staff. Permission for this visit is covered by the local visit permission form parents and carers completed at the start of the year.

Reception and Nursery parents and carers are also invited into school for a Christmas craft session on **Tuesday 13th Decembe**. If you haven't done so already, please complete the form to let us know you will be coming along:

Reception: <https://forms.office.com/r/mEbTVSJ6gw>

Nursery: <https://forms.office.com/e/SLhSDJSC3p>


On **Wednesday 14th December**, Years 1 and 2 will be performing their Christmas play – "A Little Nativity" for parents and carers. We still have a few tickets available for this – please see Mrs Hitch in the main school office. If you are coming along, please arrive promptly as the performance will start at 2pm.

We will be holding our Christmas disco on Thursday 15th December. Please can we ask for a contribution of £1 from children towards the cost of running the disco. This can be brought in in cash on the day. If you would like your child to visit the tuck shop during the disco, please make a £1 payment on SimsPay for this and we will ensure that all children who have paid can visit the tuck shop during the disco in the afternoon.

School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.15pm on Friday 16th December. School re-opens to pupils and staff on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Thank you for all of your support over the Autumn term. We'd like to wish all of our children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – we will see everyone back in school safe and well in January 2023! Happy Christmas Everyone!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Towle', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L Towle
Headteacher