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Dear Parents,

Christmas cards

One of the lovely things about Christmas in school is the opportunity for children to send cards to each other. We provide a post box in the school entrance for this and Year 6 will be our postal workers, delivering the mail to each class. We hope your child will use this – but please ensure that the child's full name and class is on the envelope, to avoid disappointment. Thank you.



Christmas comings and goings

Our beautiful Christmas tree, just before our Christmas tree service today, when it was lit by the youngest boy and oldest girl in the school, Reggie Hills and Jenna Lilley. We have beautiful new decorations on the tree generously donated by Mrs Crofts as a leaving present for the school. Mrs Crofts will be greatly missed when she leaves at Christmas time.

We are also losing Mrs Barker who has been a most caring and capable Teaching Assistant and will also be greatly missed. Mrs Fraser will be taking over directly from Mrs Barker on Monday. We wish our leavers and arrivers the best of luck!

Christmas Fair Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 3.30 p.m.

We are looking forward to this annual event. Miss Beresford is in charge and I am sure we will have a great time and raise some useful cash at Christmas! If you would like to run a craft stall can you please let us know by returning the slip at the bottom of this letter. We are charging £5 for this. Also we have a special event on Friday 9th December – **Crazy Sock Day**. Children can wear their craziest socks and should bring in something for the tombola stall at the fair.

Christmas Disco

The Friends' Association is running a disco on Monday 19th December. A letter will go out early next week explaining how it will be organised.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 5 with 99.4%. Well done! Overall attendance last week was 95.6%. Currently we are running at 96.5% for the term which is above our target – that is brilliant – we will be working and learning right to the end of term so it is vital that your children have the best possible attendance right up to 20th December. Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	88%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	99.4%
Year 6	95.4%

Achievement worship

This has been cancelled this week due to the Christmas Tree Service. Back to normal next week.

Parent consultation

We look forward to seeing parents on Wednesday and Thursday evenings for parent consultation. If you have not already made an appointment please make sure you do so as soon as possible. This is an important chance to catch up on your child's learning and targets.

Book Fair

On our parent consultation evenings we have a visiting book fair. Children will have the chance during the day to visit the Book Fair and see if there is a book they would like. They will bring a slip home to you if they find a book they would like. Children do not need to bring in any money. Parents will have the chance to browse the books during parent consultation and after school generally. You can pay by cash, cheque or card but if you are paying by card you will need a mobile phone and we will provide you with a code so that you can pay electronically. A book would be a great Christmas gift for your child!

Flu Vaccination Years 1 to 3

Cambridge Community Services NHS Trust who carried out the flu vaccinations last week have advised us that any child who didn't receive the flu vaccination (where a consent form had been received) will be contacted by the team. The **vaccination is an annual one** and needs to be given every year for protection. If your child is in Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3 and you didn't return the consent slip but would like your child to have the vaccination, the team will be running a drop in clinic at The North Cambridgeshire Hospital, Parkside Clinic (iCaSh Wisbech), The Park, Wisbech on Wednesday 21st December 2016 between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Lost Property

The lost property box in the reception area is full again, please come and check the contents.

Christmas Jumpers

The Friends of Elm School have had a good response to their appeal for donations of Christmas Jumpers. If you would like a jumper for your child to wear on Christmas Jumper Day (16th December) please see a member of Friends of Elm School (the members will be wearing a badge so that you can recognise them) in the playground from Monday 5th December.

Dinner Money Reminder

Just a polite reminder that dinner money of £2.35 a day/£11.75 must be paid in advance or on the day the meal is taken. Thank you

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 13th December at 10 a.m. – Christmas service at All Saints Church.
- Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Fair from 3.30 p.m.
- Nativity performances from Years R, 1 and 2 will be on Thursday 15th December and Friday 16th December at 2 p.m.
- Elm School Association children's disco on Monday 19th December.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

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Christmas Fair Craft Stall

Yes, I would like to run Craft Stall at the Christmas Fair on 14th December.

My idea for the stall is.....

Name.....Contact number.....