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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your children have enjoyed all the events that we have been able to put on this year and that they have added to your 'Christmas Spirit'. The children have worked very hard to learn songs, prepare readings, create artefacts or remember their part in these events and of course they have been supported by teachers, LSAs and governors in doing this as well as being supported by you. I would like to say a personal thank you to everyone involved. I always enjoy the Christingle service and it kicks off the school advent period in a very special way. The KS2 sharing assembly was new this year as was the KS1 play. Both groups of children were fantastic to watch. The school Christmas dinner was very exciting especially as the school has grown in number it has become harder to find seats for everyone to sit together.

The Nativity Collection was for St Margaret's church and we were delighted to use such a lovely venue once again. We thank Rev. Fordyce for his participation in our service this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their hard work this term and also to thank our volunteer helpers.

Lastly I would like to wish you all a wonderful and happy Christmas and pray that the coming year will be filled with peace, love and contentment. I look forward to seeing you all again on the 5th Jan 2010.

Sharon Short.

Please note – swimming starts for year 6 and year 3 at Leisure World on Wednesday 6th January.

Year 2 start swimming on Wednesday 6th of Jan as well but they will be going to the pool near Stanway school. Year 4 start on Friday 8th Jan and year 1 start on Monday 11th. All the children will need their swimming things, permission slips and money paid in.

We need two consecutive days for teachers and staff to work on specific training in the near future. So please note 28th and 29th of January are non-pupil days.

Unfortunately more and more children have been arriving late in school on a regular basis. This disrupts all the children at the beginning of the day and does not help them to have a good start. Children should be in school at 8.50 ready to go into class at 9.00am.

If children are late they should be signed into school at the office by the person dropping them off.

**Cherry Tree Parents.
Next meeting
12th January
2.30pm in the school.
We hope to see you all
there.**

**Please check out the
website page!**

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After much deliberation we have decided to do away with our snack stall in the mornings. There are a whole host of reasons for this which I will not go into.

KS1 children will continue to receive fruit as per the government guidelines and the reception class have snack as part of their curriculum.

KS2 children will need to bring in their own snack and this should conform to our healthy school guidelines.

The sort of thing that would be appropriate for them to bring in is fruit, vegetables or protein.

Children who bring in sweets, biscuits or other inappropriate snacks will have them taken away and returned to them at the end of the day.

Please help us to keep our school as healthy as possible.

*Although it is very rare that we authorize a holiday in school time, **please note that we have now been directed by the government that we are not to authorize any holidays in the SATs period.** This includes all of May and June.*



If children have had their ears pierced for more than six weeks they must remove their earrings for PE.

If a child has had their ears pierced for less than six weeks please ensure that they have micro pore tape to cover their ears.

(We are not to remove them so we will have to phone you to come in and take them off if you forget!)