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Dear Parents,

It was lovely that so many of you could come to the recent Christmas Decoration sessions which were great fun. I would like to thank everyone for making the school look so lovely and bright.

Foundation Stage Children

All our Foundation Stage children are invited to stay all day on Monday 14th December and Tuesday 15th December. They will finish on Friday 18th December at 1.00pm. They will need to bring a packed lunch on each of these days. Children who currently attend school for the morning only will start full time in January and will need to bring a named packed lunch each day. The children will need to be collected at the end of the school day which is at 3.05pm.

Foundation and Year 1 Christmas Play

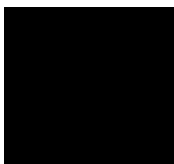
A reminder that our Foundation and Year 1 children's Christmas play will be on Monday 14th December at 2.00pm, Tuesday 15th December at 2.00pm and Wednesday 16th December at 11.00am. We would appreciate it if you could bring your tickets with you on the day. We look forward to seeing you then.

Year 2, 3 and 4 Christmas Concert

A reminder that you will have recently received a separate letter with details about our Christmas Concert at St Nicholas' Church on Thursday 17th December. All children will need to be taken directly to the church. The morning performance will start at 10.30 am and the afternoon performance will begin at 1.30 pm. Thank you to all those parents who have returned the permission/going home arrangement slips. We would appreciate it if all remaining slips could be sent in to school by tomorrow morning. If you requested any further tickets, regrettably we do not have any available for the afternoon performance but there are still some tickets available for the morning concert. Please collect additional tickets from the school office. We look forward to you joining our Christmas concert and thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Post

The Rushcombe post box is available in school for the children to post their Christmas cards to each other. Please can we remind you that all envelopes need to be clearly addressed with the Christian name, surname and class of the child it is being sent to.



Christmas Party Lunch

As part of our Christmas celebrations, all the children in the last week will be involved in a range of Christmas activities including a Christmas party lunch. On the last day, Friday 18th December, all children can wear party clothes. Children should bring their own lunch boxes in as usual which could include party food if your child wishes. We would appreciate no fizzy drinks. The staff have planned different activities for the children to join in with.

Winter Clothes

Now that the colder weather is here, please could you ensure that your child brings a coat to school, as we aim for the children to go out to play and get some fresh air every day.

Headlice

Recently, there have been a few cases of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly for any signs of adult lice or their eggs. If you do find signs of headlice, you should treat your child's hair with the appropriate treatment and check the rest of your family for any infestations. Everyone's cooperation will reduce the frequency of cases in our school.

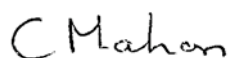
Winter Closures

On rare occasions, especially in winter, there may be a necessity to close the school. Dorset Education Authority has made arrangements with local radio stations to broadcast emergency information regarding school closures. These include BBC Radio Solent (FM96.1 or MW999) and 2CR (FM102.3). The radio stations have asked schools to remind parents not to phone them directly, but to listen for announcements.

Finally, a reminder that the children will finish on Friday 18th December at 1.00 pm and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 5th January 2010.

I would like to thank both staff and parents for all their support with the activities we provide for the children at Christmas. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this term and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher