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#### Parents' Evening

We had 2 very well attended parents' evenings this week. We hope your consultation has given you up to date information about your child. If you were not able to make Parents' Evening and would like an appointment, please contact the office and we will try to accommodate your request.

#### M&M Club News

Please remember that there will be no M&M Club until the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> December is our annual trip to Stoneleigh - if your child is going please make sure that you have informed the office and that the person providing transport is at reception for 3.30pm, as we will be leaving shortly after.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> December is the Carols in the Playground. If your child is intending to come and sing please come to reception for 5pm in order that we can have a little practise before singing. This event will take place outside as long as it is dry so please make sure children are suitably dressed for the occasion. Children should wear their M&M t-shirts for both of these events and can bring along some Christmassy accessories if they wish to add to the occasion!

#### FoS News

Carols in the Playground - will be held 5.30-6.30pm on Wednesday 12th December. Join us for a festive evening of singing, mulled wine, cake, hot dogs, raffles and more. Thank you to those people who have kindly donated prizes for the raffle but we are in need of more, so if you have anything you'd like to donate please let us know or leave it in school office for collection. The event is always an enjoyable evening however it is only possible with the help of volunteers. If you can volunteer on the evening please let a FoS member know or contact us via the FB page or [melbournefos@gmail.com](mailto:melbournefos@gmail.com).



Non-Uniform day & Sweetie/Chocolate bags -To support Carols in the playground there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 7th December. Children are free to wear Christmas jumpers and as forfeit return a filled and decorated sweetie bag to school on the 7th. The bags will be sent out with the children this week and can be decorated in any way they want. We recommend the bags are filled with items to the value of around £1. All bags will be raffled off at Carols in the playground to raise money for the school.

#### Resignations

We are sad to tell you that Miss Lakin has resigned her post as Play Coordinator at our After School Club with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Miss Lakin has been such a friendly and efficient After School Club Coordinator that we are sure that she will be very much missed. However, it is good to know that she will be continuing her role as Teaching Assistant so won't be leaving altogether. We would like to thank Miss Lakin for all her hard work over the years and her enthusiasm and commitment to the development of the After School facilities. We will be interviewing for a new Play Coordinator today and will inform you of the details in due course.

Ms Julie Wilson, who works as morning cleaner, has also given notice of her intention to resign with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January. Mrs Wilson has only been with us for a short time but is always so cheerful in the morning whilst she goes about her work - we will miss her. We are intending to advertise this role as an evening job, 3-7pm, combining cleaning with caretaking responsibilities. More details in next week's newsletter.

#### Don't forget!

Grand switch-on of the Christmas tree lights at Melbourne Village Hall on Sunday at 4pm! All children welcome to attend to join in with some Carol singing. There will be stalls, raffle, refreshments, presentation of art and colouring competition prizes, and the big man in the red suit! All children coming along to take part in the singing should be at the village hall for 4.10pm. Please remember that children should be supervised by parents or nominated adults at this event - school staff will be present, but will only be supervising the children during the singing.

### REMINDER Going home early in December after the Christmas show

- After the afternoon performances on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec we are happy for children to go home. If this makes it easier for parents - siblings can also be taken home at this time. Please let us know in the office if it will not be parents picking up, as without parental permission, children will not be released.
- We are happy for children to go home early on the last day of term, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - should you want an extra couple of hours added to the Christmas break! Children should be picked up at 1.30pm from Reception – please make sure you have informed the office if you are intending to do this (and who will be picking up your child/ren) as children will not be ready if you do not let us know.



Please be aware that these are only options – school will be open until 3.30pm with normal lessons provided, and After School Club will be running as usual on all of these afternoons.

### Tickets

All tickets requested for the Christmas performances have been sent home tonight – although Mrs Charlton was doing them at Parents' Evening with lots of interruptions so if they are not right please let her know!

Please be aware that –

- All EY & KS1 performances are full. If anyone would like to be considered for any cancellations please let the office know on Monday.
- KS2 performances have several tickets available on the Monday afternoon but both evenings are full. Again if you wish to be considered for any extras for the afternoon or put on a waiting list for the evenings, please let the office know on Monday.

We will try to help you out where we can but please don't be too disappointed if we can't give you any more tickets as we can only work with the space we have available. Many thanks.

### Lunchtime football

Please be aware that, due to Christmas parties, there will be no lunchtime football club on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### Midday Supervisors

Our bank of casual midday supervisors has rather depleted of late and we are keen to increase it in event of lunchtime staff sickness. We would be pleased to hear from anyone prepared to give up an hour between 12 – 1 to help with supervision of the children at lunchtime. Training will be given and an up to date Police Clearance & safeguarding training will be required. If you would be interested please let us know at the office.

### School Dinners

All our dishes are homemade. Fresh fruit and yoghurt are available every day. Vegetarians and all children with special dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child is having the sandwich options during the week please let us know at the office and we will be able to supply you with the information you require. School dinners are priced at £2.40.

### School dinner menu - week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Mon	Chicken Paste Bake served with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Winter Salad Vegetarian Vegetable Pasta Bake Chocolate Cookie & Milkshake
Tues	Braised Steak served with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Cauliflower Vegetarian Country Vegetable Casserole Fruit Muffin
Weds	Roast Pork Loin with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots Vegetarian Quorn Roast Strawberry Mousse
Thurs	Chicken Curry served with Naan Bread, Steamed Rice, and Mixed vegetables Vegetarian Keema Curry Madeline Sponge
Fri	Fillet of Fish served with Steak Fries, Garden Peas, and Baked Beans Vegetarian Vegetable Nuggets Winter Berry Crumble

