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Spreading the Good News

We are so proud of all our children in EYFS (Willow and Ash Class) and KS1 (Oak and Elm Class) for their amazing Nativity performances. They certainly reminded us of what Christmas is all about – spreading the good news that Jesus came to bring God's love to earth for us all to share.



Children from Year 5 have also sung at Willow Bank Care home this week and at a Christmas Lunch for retired local residents at the Ley Inn. They sang beautifully and represented school so well. At both venues we were told the audience really look forward to our singing as a highlight of their Christmas. Thank you to Year 5, Miss Carr, Mrs Howlett and Mrs Worth.

Illness

As you know we have had several cases of Scarlet Fever and Strep A in school. We have liaised with the UK Health Security Agency and the Lancashire health protection team. We are following their advice and you have received the most up to date advice by email. Please don't send your child to school if unwell. Seek medical advice by ringing 111 or seeing your GP if they are showing the symptoms detailed on the letter.

Staff Update

Miss Carr will start her maternity leave at the end of term and we send her our best wishes. Her baby is due towards the end of January. Mrs Worth will cover Year 4 in Miss Carr's absence. Mrs Worth knows school well and is currently covering Year 5.

It is great that Mr Howard is now recovering from pneumonia and is working on a phased return to school. Mrs McCann will be absent until the end of term as she is recovering from a significant scald and is healing steadily.

Christmas Lunch and Parties

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch on Thursday 15th December please book and pay as soon as possible. See the dates for parties below – children wear party clothes/ non-uniform but still need sensible shoes and a warm coat.

On **Monday 9th January** we will be holding a January Jumble. Please bring any unwanted toys, games, books or children's clothes to school – drop them in at the office, or in your child's class, any time after the Christmas holiday.

JUMBLE SALE

 Games

 Toys

 Books

 Children's Clothes



Tea & Coffee will be available



Items priced from 50p

Straight after School, then at 5:30pm
it's the PTA Meeting – All Welcome



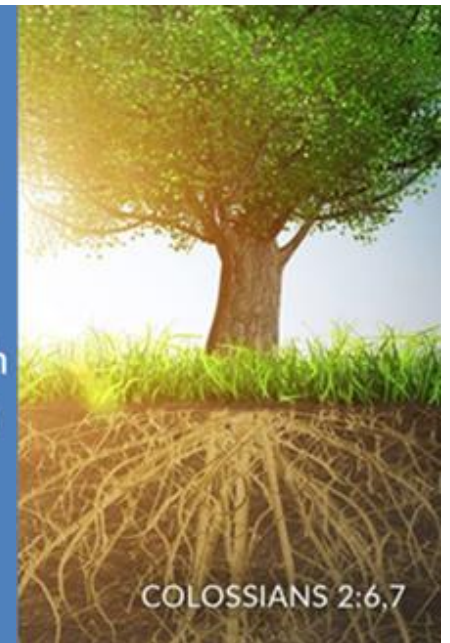
School Lunches

This week I met with our cook Lisa and the school meals manager for our area to discuss further improvements to school lunches. From January we will be offering a jacket potato option every day with a choice of filling that children can choose at the counter. Please book your meal choice on line through School Comms Gateway. Instructions were emailed out today.

Dates For Your Diary

December	
Monday 12th	Rocksteady Concert for parents/carers – 9.30am
Monday 12th	KS2 parties in school time – children wear party clothes/ non-uniform
Tuesday 13 th	EYFS/KS1 parties in school time – children wear party clothes/ non-uniform
Wednesday 14th	Film Night – EYFS/KS1 pick up at 4.55pm. KS2 at 5.00pm
Thursday 15th	Christmas lunch in school Candlelight Service in Church 6.00pm
Friday 16 th	Close <u>at normal time</u> for Christmas holiday. No Care Club this evening.
January	
Monday 9 th	January Jumble – See poster above for details
Monday 9 th	PTFA Meeting – all welcome 5.30pm
March	
Wednesday 1st	Wellbeing Wednesday – PTFA event for parents/carers.

And now, just as you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.'



COLOSSIANS 2:6,7

Advent Worship



This week we lit the second candle on our advent wreath which represents peace. We also thought about the message of John the Baptist – to prepare for the coming of Jesus. The children shared lots of good ideas about how we could prepare to meet Jesus in our hearts

Our Vision

Together we inspire one another to live life to all its fullness, rooted and built up in Christ, so that every member of our school community can learn, develop and flourish, to live in the world as the unique individuals God created us to be.