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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us last week, it was an incredibly busy week! We undertook a monitoring visit from Education Services evaluating the development of our curriculum. We also had 2 performances of the Twinkly Nativity from Year 2 who blew everyone away with the quality of their singing and performance and on Friday we then held our Christmas Fayre! It was so lovely to see everyone and the children had a blast, whether that was from winning on the games or activities, being proud of what their Year group made or just spending time with the special adults in their lives. I always feel it is the one event in the year when everyone comes together which is truly special.

Any funds raised by the Year groups, the teachers get to choose how to spend that money for any resources they need for their classes or even to buy ice creams in the summer! There is a separate letter on Dojo today about Christmas Jumper Day which we are doing on Monday 18th of December alongside Reverse Advent Calendar for 4 different charities nominated by the House Captains.

At the end of the week we begin "party season" for the children. If the children are bringing in food, even though it's party time — please remember not to pack nuts or nut products.

I'm sorry to share that at Christmas Mrs Hughes will be leaving us to take up a new post at Amherst Primary as their Literacy Intervention teacher, we wish her every success for the future. Mrs Scheffer (Reception) is also joining the CIAS team, we have been grateful for her support this term and also wish her well in her new role. We have been joined by two new lunchtime supervisors for the Juniors—Mrs Glendinning and Mrs Bates who started in recent weeks and are getting to know the children and the school.

Best wishes

Mrs Coughlin
Head Teacher



School Bank Update

Our School Bank has now been running for 3 weeks. Every child in the Juniors has received a universal credit "Capelles Credit" of 10 Hautes and for the last 2 weeks children have been earning their salaries which the Bankers have entered into their Bank books.

This week, we will be opening the shop if the children wish to withdraw from their account to spend. (Any items purchased are for home use).

As we reach every Half Term or Christmas and Easter the children will receive 10% interest on their savings balance.

As we enter this phase of the Banks development we begin to teach the children about the functionality of savings, expenditure and salaries.



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Book Look or Play n Stay (Reception)

On Thursday the 14th December you are welcome to pop in at the end of the day to have a look at your child's books to see the progress they are making. This is completely informal and no appointments are needed. When we did this in September you let me know that you really enjoyed the opportunity, however I did have feedback asking if it could be on different days each time due to some parents work patterns (hence a Thursday). If grandparents pick up, they are more than welcome to come in too.

Reception don't have books in the same way, but as this follows their Songs Around the Tree you are more than welcome to stop and have a play 'n' stay session instead.

Last Day of Term

22nd December

A reminder that we finish at 1pm and that the school bus service only operates for the morning run.

As we finish at 1pm, the children don't have a lunch break but 2 extended playtimes so they will need 2 snacks for the day rather than lunch.

The day will also be non-uniform, this is just for fun. No donations needed.

(and to try to help with not having to wash uniforms on Christmas Eve!)

Extra Curricular Clubs

What a term it has been !

Alongside offering Early Bird Club, we have offered a multitude of Clubs for the children. Well over 200 slots have been booked and used. A snapshot;

Early Birds, Boxing, Netball, Football, Photography, Dodgeball, Cycling, Basketball, Dance, Table Tennis, Fit and Fun and a Junior and an Infant Choir.

We aim to provide opportunities for children to experience different interests or hobbies or even to develop ones they already have. This is based on UNRC - Article 29 that Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full, but to us it's also fundamental to their personal development and enjoyment of school.



**Diary
Dates**

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

December		January	
14th	Book Look /Stay and Play Reception Songs Around the Tree	8th	Term Starts (Staff)
20th	Junior Carol Service 9am	9th	Term Starts (Pupils)
22nd	Break Up at 1pm—No School Buses		

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