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Dear Parents / Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you yesterday afternoon to see our youngest children sing a couple of songs from this year's nativity. The full version has been loaded onto our website - under the services tab or you can use the following link.

https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/nativity_2021/587388

I am sure many of you will find yourself singing those catchy tunes well into the festive season.

Christmas Trees

Can I say a huge thank-you to Mr and Mrs Mooney for the' Christmas trees. They look fantastic in Pippins, our school hall and in our Remembrance Garden. The outside tree has been decorated with handmade decorations made from natural materials found around Longhope. I think it is fantastic for the children to see how we can use local resources in different ways.

Arrangements for the last week

I can't believe that next week is the last week of term. Where has that term gone? We have some exciting events to look forward to. On Tuesday, the staff will be choosing the best cup designs - so make sure your cup is in school by that day. We have some amazing entries already - snowmen, reindeer, Father Christmases and penguins. We will be awarding prizes to the best three entries. I can already see it is going to be difficult to judge the winners.

On Thursday, we will be having our Christmas dinner which will be followed by our Christmas parties. The children can wear their party clothes that day - or they can bring party clothes to change into if they are concerned they might get 'messy' during the morning. The children will not need to wear school uniform that day. We would be grateful if you could ensure your children are wearing appropriate footwear for a school day.

On Friday, we will hold our School Council event - decorating biscuits. Each class will be taken to the school hall during the morning - and will have a chance to decorate a biscuit. This is a competition so the children might want to think about some ideas for decorating biscuits. The School Council will be deciding the best entry in each class.

We will be finishing school at the usual time on Friday 17th December - 3.15pm

Clubs

Kingfishers Reading Club (Monday) and Hockey Club (Tuesday) will continue next week - but Kestrels Reading Club (Monday) has ended and there will be no Netball Club on Friday

Outdoor Learning

There will be no outdoor learning next week so the children should be in school uniform every day, except Thursday.

Sweet treats

Please can I remind parents that children should not bring sweet treats into school to share with other children, whether this is to mark a birthday, end of term or a special occasion.

Library books

Can we please ask children to return any library books they might have? There is a box in the library where they can place returned books so we can put them back on the library shelves in the right places.

This will be the last update for this term (and for 2021!) as next week you will receive a newsletter, rather than an update.

Enjoy the weekend.

Stephanie Severn