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Dear Parents

I am not sure where the days and weeks are going but they are flying by at quite a pace. We have a busy two weeks ahead of us with a number of events taking place.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair by donating goods, helping out on the day or by coming along. The PTA team worked really hard to put on the event which raised just over £4,000; a fantastic effort.

Affinity Water

The children had a talk in assembly last week from a speaker from Affinity Water. She spoke about how much water daily activities at home use up and how the children could waste less water. If you would like to order a free activity pack for your child the website link is www.affinitywater.co.uk/savewater

After School Singing club with Vicky

Information about this club for children in Year One and above for next term is being sent home as a hard copy with your child.

Art Shed with Kathy

If any children from Year One and above would like to sign up for the Art Shed after school art activity for next term the details are as follows:

Tuesdays 10th Jan - 21st March

10 sessions

Fees: £70

Parents can book via the website or via this link:

[ArtShed@Alban City Spring term 2017 Booking Form](#)

Variations to School Meals

We have had a number of requests recently, from parents asking if the cook could provide individual variations to the school meals as their child does not like a particular sauce, vegetable etc. Unfortunately with approximately 270 meals to cook each day it is not possible to do this. If your child does not like either of the menu choices on a particular day please provide them with a packed lunch.

Icy playground

If we feel at any time that parts of the playground and/or equipment are too icy and therefore dangerous for the children to use we cone off or put barriers across the various areas. Please therefore do not let your children play in these areas before or after school.

Road sign

We have been waiting for many years for some school road markings outside the school and I am pleased to say that a painted 'school ahead' sign appeared on the road last week. Not quite everything that we expected but hopefully a start for more to come!

Recycled Bottle Christmas Tree

Thank you to everyone who bought in plastic drink bottles for the recycled Christmas Tree. I understand that it has been constructed outside the Courtyard Cafe.

Children in Need

A very spotty day was had by all and £756 raised for the charity. Thank you.

Questionnaire

As part of our ongoing self-evaluation I will be sending home a questionnaire before the end of term. I would be grateful if you could please complete one per family and return to school before the end of term.

Crib Service

On Wednesday 14th December at 2pm we will be taking the children from Years 2, 3 and 4 to St Peters Church for a crib service. The service will last approximately half an hour and you or any other members of your family are most welcome to join us. Some of the children from the year 2 classes will be participating by adding figures to the crib scene or doing readings. The church will have a retiring collection at the end of the service and any money collected will be used for the mission of the church and the charities they support. The children will return to school after the service and can be collected at the usual time.

If you do not wish your child to attend the service can you please let the class teacher know and we will arrange for them to be supervised in school in one of the younger classes.

Post box

For Christmas cards that the children send to each other there will be a post box available from Wednesday 14th December under the digital display screen in the pupil entrance area and another two upstairs in the shared area. Before posting, please make sure that the envelope is marked with the first name, surname if appropriate and the class of the person you are sending to. Cards will be sorted and delivered during the school day.

Visit to the Pantomime

If we have not had a reply slip back from you about your child attending the performance of Snow White on Thursday 15th December can you please ensure that we receive this immediately. We will be leaving school mid-morning and walking to the theatre, returning for a late lunch. Children may bring a carton or a small bottle of juice/water with them for the performance. Please do not send in any glass bottles or cans. All children will be given an ice cream during the interval, the cost of which has been included in the ticket price.

As lunch will be later on this day; for those children who have a school meal the cook will be serving a jacket potato lunch with a choice of fillings so there will not be the usual menu choices in the morning.

Christmas Lunch

On Friday 16th December the children will be served a Christmas dinner at lunchtime. For those children who normally have school meals dinner will be chosen in the same way as usual. If children normally have packed lunch but would like to have a school Christmas dinner on this day and are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you do not need to do anything further apart from order the meal in the usual way on the morning on the 16th.

If your child is in Years 3 or 4 and normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a school Christmas dinner on this day please send £2.25 into school in an envelope marked with their name and class and "Christmas dinner" by Wednesday 14th December at the latest.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Goddard

Headteacher