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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you recently for our **parent/carer consultations**. Thank you for bearing weathering the cold and dark to come and hear how your children have settled into their new Year groups.



Mrs Tofts has been developing a **nurture room** for the children. This will be a quiet, calm space for children to visit. Some of the children who will be using it have worked with Ms Acty to design a mural for the room. They also helped to paint it –see the final result on the right. We hope you agree that this is beautiful and will be a great space for children to spend time.



School is beginning to look **Christmassy!** On Wednesday, a couple of children from every class helped to decorate the trees we have in school...there may have been a tiny bit of ornament

replacement once they'd returned to class!



Thank you to **Sea Cadets Oxford** on Donnington Bridge for kindly donating one of our beautiful **trees**. And to local independent sales and lettings agent **Penny & Sinclair** for kindly sponsoring both a second tree and the **decorations** for it, some of which have been hand decorated by our children in school.



The local **CO-OP** has also donated money to the school for 330 oranges to make **Christingles!** We are very grateful for these generous donations which are really helping the children (and staff) to get into the festive spirit!



What a creative bunch you are! Thank you to everyone who came along to the **wreath making workshop** last week. It was a lovely event filled with merriment and mulled wine to kick off our winter celebrations. Thank you to the PTA for organising this fab new event!



Let all that you do be done in love...

1 Corinthians 16:14



Thank you for all the fabulous **Jolly Jar** entries for the Winter Fair! Willow class won but it was such a super haul and everyone did so well on bringing their jars in that KS1 are sharing golden jar winnings.



Thank

you to the PTA for your hard work in moving the **Winter Fair** alfresco this year. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you outside...so wrap up warm! Entry is via the Year 3/4 gate on Meadow Lane, from **12-3pm on Saturday**. There will still be lots of favourite stalls - toys, books, produce, greenery, children's clothes, crafts, Santa's grotto (inside but distanced and well ventilated) plus delicious food and drinks. Food this year will be hotdogs (veg and non-veg) to allow moving and browsing as you lunch.

**Jumpers on,
people!**

Friday 11 December



Dates for your diary

We will be taking part in 'Save the Children' **Christmas Jumper Day** next **Friday 10th December**. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers for a donation of £1 which will go to the Save the Children charity.



The KS1 **nativity** is being filmed this year. Please make sure you give permission so that your child can be on the big screen. KS1 parents and carers are invited on the final day of term to listen to a couple of songs from the nativity. This will take place at **12:45pm on Friday 17th December** outside the Year 1 classrooms.



Panto will be in school...oh yes, it will! Thank you to the PTA for donating the money so that we can watch a panto in school. It will be shown remotely, and a link will come home via Parent Pay so that the children can enjoy it again with you at home over the Christmas season.

It's been another couple of busy weeks in school, and I can only see it getting busier. Wishing you well in the run up to Christmas and hoping to see many of you at the Winter Fair tomorrow.

With best wishes,

Rex Spott

Headteacher

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