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Dear Parents

Weekly Newsletter

Christmas Stories Evening – Monday 4th December

We look forward to seeing many of the children on Monday evening at 5.00 pm for our Christmas Stories evening; please can they come back to school at 5.00 pm in their **pyjamas!** Collection time is 6.00 pm.

Carol Service – Tuesday 5th December

We are also looking forward to seeing many families at our Carol Service which will be held at Holy Trinity Church in High West Street in Dorchester. The service will start at 6.00 pm and will last for half an hour.

Christmas Party – Wednesday 13th December

Thank you for returning the reply slips for this party on Wednesday 13th, the last day for reply slips is Monday 4th. This will be a whole day party for the children so please can they come to school dressed in party clothes. It should be really good fun.

Pupil Premium

If as a family you receive financial support you may be able to benefit from pupil premium. Please see the link below which outlines the criteria, you would be able to claim this confidentially if you have not already done so. This scheme helps with payments towards uniform, trips and is also good for the school as we would receive additional funding. If you have any questions, please pop into the school office:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Christmas Plays

You should have received your tickets for the Christmas Plays by now and know which day your child is performing. The children are busy rehearsing their lines and the songs for what looks to be a great show. If you have more tickets than you need, please return any spare to the office, many thanks.



Parent's drop-in Coffee Mornings

Just a reminder of the weekly parent's drop-in coffee morning on a Friday morning. This takes place in the Kidzone building at drop off time on a Friday. We hope you can come along to try it out.

Interesting in Teaching?

For information Wimborne Teaching School offer a School Direct Initial Teacher Training programme in partnership with Winchester University, training in locally based schools. They are holding a coffee morning to provide further information with an informal presentation on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 10.00am.

This presentation will be held at Colehill First School, Pilford Heath Road, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 2LZ. For further information, please email schooldirect@colehillfirstschool.net

Christmas Fayre

For information, the Culliford House Residential Care Home in Icen Way, Dorchester is having their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 16th December from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that the after school clubs finished this week with the exception of the Tennis club which will have its last session next Tuesday 5th December. We will promote new after school clubs in the New Year.

We have a festival couple of weeks coming up and we look forward to seeing you at our various events.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher