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Dear Parents/Carers,

The glitter is out and the costumes have been washed and pressed, we are officially getting ready for Christmas!

Fund Raiser:

This year we will be working in family groupings to colour in calendars. These calendars are priced at £2 each and would be great for grannies! We will also be selling Christmas compilation CDs, perfect as background music to your Christmas dinner. These are £3 each. Please fill in the form below and return it to school with the number of calendars and CDs you wish to order and full payment.

Safety:

Please do not cut through the carpark on foot at any time. Cars come in and out at all times of the day.

Social Media:

We love to keep you up to date using Facebook and our use of text messages has also had very positive feedback. We also enjoy meeting with you directly and hearing your views. If you do have a concern please come and see us so that we can clear it up easily. It would not be appropriate for us to respond to Facebook posts so it is difficult for us to take the correct positive steps towards a resolution.

No pupil in primary school is within the legal age for *any* social media.

Online Alerts

Aberdeenshire council has changed the way parents receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered. *myaccount* is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13,000 parents across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefits of it.

As well as being able to sign up for alerts, your home page will automatically give you handy information such as your bin collection days, where your nearest recycling centre is and the names of your local councillors. So, if you want to be kept up-to-date and take advantage of the other *myaccount* benefits, sign up to the new system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the red **register** button in the top right-hand corner.

Willows Nativity

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We have a little band of volunteers who will be performing at The Willows Open Day on Saturday 26th November at 2pm. They will also perform their Nativity at the end of term service.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be on Thursday 1st December from 2pm – 4pm. The classes are busy making amazing crafts for you to purchase. There will be a range of fun activities to try, teas and coffees and professional stalls.

PTA Treat:

This year we are going to a Puppet Show in the village hall as our Christmas treat from the PTA. This year the children have had many wonderful experiences and trips due the amazing work of the PTA.

Christmas Lunch:

The school Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 15th December. A menu and slip will be issued for your child to make their selection. It's always a great time for the children to come together and enjoy a lovely meal.

Christmas Concerts:

Rehearsals are now beginning for the Christmas Concerts. P1-7 will perform theirs in the village hall.

The afternoon performance will be on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm. This will be relaxed and informal so would be the better performance for those who will be bringing young children, we would however ask that, at both performances; audience members keep as quiet as possible to give the children their chance to shine.

Parents attending this performance may collect their children from the hall. Remaining children will return to school with staff for normal time.

The evening performances are on Wednesday 15th December and Thursday 16th December children should arrive at 6pm for a 6.30 pm start.

Tickets are available from the school office. This year we are charging the small fee of £3. This covers the cost of the performance license. Please do not attend without a ticket.

The Nursery Concert will be in school on Friday 16th December.

Carol Sing-Along

We would like to invite you to join us for a Christmas Sing-Along at the Village Hall on Friday 16th December 1.30pm – 3pm. The children will be making Crisplings to bring along and we hope to create a peaceful Christmassy afternoon where we enjoy singing some of our favourite carols together.

Christmas Parties:

Nursery – Tuesday 13th December

All pupils should attend nursery for the morning session so that the children can come together for their party. We have a very special visitor, parents who wish to see him should arrive at 11.30am.

P1-3 – Monday 19th December

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Pupils will have lunch as normal this year and will have a treat during their party in the afternoon. We have a very special visitor, parents who wish to see him should arrive at 2.30 pm.


P4-7 – Tuesday 20th December

Pupils will have lunch as normal this year and will have a treat during their party in the afternoon. The children will be greeting the special visitor along with p1-3 on Monday but will receive gifts on party day.

End of Term Church Service:

The end of term service will be on Wednesday 21st December at 2pm. All are welcome to join us for this lovely Christmassy event. Those children with parents or carers at the service may go home from the church.

Term ends on Wednesday 21st December. We return to school on Thursday 5thth January.



HELEN JAMES
Head Teacher

Name _____

I wish to purchase:

calendars at £2 each

CDs at £3 each

I enclose a total payment of £_____