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The Kymbrook Key

Hello everyone

This newsletter contains a good deal of important information about upcoming events as we build up to Christmas, including about requesting tickets for performances and letting us know arrangements for pick-ups on specific days. Some events will require a response from you - these will be sent out via email so please keep a close eye on this. Our aim is to get as many events as possible out to you all in one go. Many of the dates were already given in the last newsletter and now this letter will add some more detail for you.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Friday 29th November	Decoration morning This is one of our favourite activities! We invite any parents/carers, younger siblings, grandparents and other family members who are able to come, to join the children in their classrooms to enjoy some time together making Christmas decorations. You are welcome to stay for the whole morning, as we understand that some families have two or three classrooms to get around! Alternatively, if you can only manage a short time before needing to leave, that is fine too. We will be serving refreshments in the hall for the adults, mid-morning, whilst the children have their break time. You don't need to let us know whether you are attending this, just turn up at around 9am.
Monday 2nd December	9.15 am. Short concert by our violin and piano pupils. Mrs Edwards has contacted the relevant parents directly.
Thursday 5th Dec	Movie Night organised by our 'Friends of Kymbrook' Straight after school.
Friday 6th Dec	Year 5 and 6 to sing at the WI Christmas party. One of our traditional events is that the Keysoe WI invite us to go over to the Village Hall during the afternoon to provide the entertainment for their Christmas party. This is just for Lions class. They won't be able to have PE today, so <u>full smart uniform please</u> . Children are also welcome to bring Christmas hats/headbands or a piece of tinsel around the neck to add to the festive spirit if they wish.
Wednesday 11th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm & 5.30pm in OUR SCHOOL HALL Our children in Monkey and Meerkats classes will be performing their Christmas play, 'Everyone loves a baby!'. More information to follow about roles, words to learn, costumes etc. This will be in our school hall. As is traditional, we will be doing two performances, at 2.15pm and 5.30pm. If possible, we would ask that if you have younger children, you bring them to the afternoon performance, rather than the evening. If you wish, your child (Monkeys and Meerkats only) can stay at school after the afternoon performance and we will look after them until it is time for the evening performance. We ask that they bring a packed tea if they would like to stay. An email will be sent which will direct you to a form, so that you can let us know whether your child will be staying at school or whether they will go home and you will bring them back to school at 5.15pm, in time to start at 5.30pm. If

	<p>your child normally goes to After School Club on a Wednesday, please liaise with them about whether they will still be attending. Thank you. Ticketing requests will also come out via email. In the first instance, we will allocate two tickets per family for each of the performances, but you will be able to request more, if we have enough, when you reply.</p>
<p>Thursday 12th Dec</p>	<p>Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. If they would like to join in, children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper if they have one, for a suggested donation of £2 to Save The Children. There is no expectation that you will buy a Christmas jumper especially for this day. Normal non-uniform can be worn, perhaps with a little Christmassy addition of a Christmas hat or piece of tinsel. Friends will be organising a second-hand Christmas jumper sale, in the week leading up to the day, should this be of interest to you.</p>
<p>Thursday 12th Dec</p>	<p>School Christmas lunch Information about menu and booking has been sent out. Thank you for your replies so far. A reminder that our office need replies by 5th December please. Children are welcome to bring a Christmas hat or headband if they wish, to wear during the lunch. Children can still choose to bring their own packed lunch if that is what they prefer and they will of course join in with the celebration and have a Christmas cracker (kindly purchased by our 'Friends of Kymbrook'). To help our Christmas lunch go smoothly, it would be brilliant if we had a small group of volunteer parents/carers who are able to come in and help. We would need you from around 11.40am until a little after 1pm. If you are able to help, please just let our office know, with either a quick phone call, email or pop in. Thank you.</p>
<p>Friday 13th Dec</p>	<p>Children's Christmas Parties All children will be enjoying a Christmas party this afternoon. We are planning on separate parties, one for Monkeys/Meerkats and one for Zebras/Lions. Children are able to bring some party clothes to change into after lunch if they wish. If you are able, we would like to invite parents and carers to donate a small amount of party food. Please remember that the children will have eaten their lunch only an hour or two earlier, so it really is only a little snack! If you are not able, for whatever reason, to send any donations at this time, that is absolutely not an issue. There is no pressure to provide things and there will be plenty to go round. In order to ensure the majority of the party food we offer is savoury, we would suggest these guidelines: <u>Year Reception and Year 1:</u> savoury items (e.g. vegetable sticks, pieces of cheese, mini sausages, a plate of sandwiches, crisps, pieces of cooked pizza) <u>Year 2:</u> sweet items (e.g. pieces of chopped up fruit, small biscuits or cakes) <u>Years 3-5:</u> savoury items (see above) <u>Year 6:</u> sweet items (see above) Please ensure that no items contain nuts. Thank you. Staff will provide drinks. End of the day routines will be as normal.</p>
<p>Monday 16th Dec</p>	<p>Theatre of Widdershins We will once again welcome the wonderful Theatre of Widdershins for a brilliant puppet show, as an end of year treat for our children.</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th Dec</p>	<p>Christingle Service – Keysoe Church 1.30pm. After lunch, all children in years 3-6 will be walking to St Mary's Church, Keysoe for our annual Christingle service. If you are able, please could you send your child with a large orange that day (Years 3-6 only). We will provide everything else needed to make a</p>

	Christingle. Parents/carers and families of our KS2 children are warmly invited to join us for our service in the church at 1.30pm. You will be asked via email whether you plan on coming, so that we can get an indication of numbers. We will also be asking you what arrangements you will have for your child at the end of the day- will you be taking them straight from the church or would you like us to walk them back to school in time for normal pick up, the bus and After School Club?
Tuesday 17th Dec	Year 1 and 2 'Fab Finish' – Castle day Further information to follow.
Wednesday 18th Dec	MK Theatre Panto Y3-Y6. Please remember a packed lunch today for children in Years 3-6, as we are leaving around 11.30am and will eat before we go. We will provide a snack for children to eat whilst we are in the theatre. There will be no opportunity for children to purchase anything, so please do not send them with any money. We aim, if the traffic is kind, to be back to school around 4.30pm. We will send out a message via email if it looks like we are going to be significantly later than this. We will bring the children off the bus, on to the playground, into their classrooms to collect their bags and then dismiss in the normal way. Please liaise with After School Club if your child normally attends on a Wednesday, to let them know whether you need them to collect your child when we get back. Please note: The school bus will run as normal for the younger children. BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS - HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Thank you for all your help and support with all of these lovely events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to creating a very special time for all of our pupils.

