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Dear Parents

As we see the start of Advent today we are certainly ticking the days off until the nativity play and our Christmas events! For parents new to our school although we do celebrate Christmas in school we certainly do not go over the top! Lessons go ahead and our routines stay fixed as we know that is the right thing for our children.

Some key dates for your diaries are:

- **4th, 7th & 8th December** – Mrs Epsley will be opening her Christmas Jumper Shop at 8:30am and 3pm!
- **4th December** – All pupils will go to the Community Centre in the afternoon for the rehearsal of the Nativity
- **6th December** - Pupils in Years R. 1 and 2 will go to the Community Centre in the morning for the 'real thing'! Can I remind parents to take a seat and not to stand at the sides of the hall please? The teachers will take photographs of the Year 2 and Reception children who will be dressed as characters and will share them with you. If you do take any photographs, please DO NOT share a picture with a child (other than your own) on social media. It may be dangerous for some of our pupils to have their pictures posted on social media.
I would also request that after the Nativity performance, however tempting it is, please do not come to the front to take photographs. The children find it overwhelming and often end up in tears because of this – spoiling the experience for themselves. I know it is hard but I would ask you help us by doing this! The Community Centre will open its doors at 9am!
- **6th December** – Our Christmas Post Boxes will be open for Christmas cards! Please keep all Christmas cards at home until the 6th. The classrooms will also be decorated on this date and our tree will go up!
- **11th December** – Wear your Christmas Jumper to school week (if you want to!)
- **11th December** – Years 5 & 6 Landing Pad Assembly at 2:15pm – swimming is cancelled on this day
- **12th December** – Years 3 & 4 Landing Pad Assembly at 2:15pm
- **13th December** – Christmas Lunch Day!
- **15th December** – Last day of Term 2
- **2nd January** – Staff training day!
- **3rd January** – Children back to school!

I will be texting you next week to confirm the dates of the Christmas parties too. We will be providing children with some snacks for the party. We will be asking you to complete a Microsoft Form if your child cannot eat a food on the list.

If you are free this Sunday, please come along and support our school choir, who will be performing in 'Carols at Christmas' at Hawkinge Community Centre – details on the reverse of this newsletter.