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Dear Parents

How quickly this term has passed! We welcomed many new children into the school in September and I am happy to see how well they have done in their first term, there is much to celebrate in the pupils' achievements in class, and lots to praise in their successes beyond the classroom.

Already we are in the midst of our Christmas Festivities. I am sure that you are enjoying the events as much as we are. A special thank you to FOCHS who have been working tirelessly to produce so many enjoyable festive activities, including pantomimes, for all the children. The children also enjoyed their FoCHS Movie Night, there was a wonderful array of onesies!

On Friday 1 December Year 2 sang carols at the Epping Christmas Market. Their happy singing warmed up a dark winter's evening. On Saturday 2 December Years 3-6 were at St John's Church in Epping, taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival, a most enjoyable occasion. The marvellous display of Christmas Trees included our own "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" tree, with decorations contributed from pupils all through the school.

The children are looking forward to meeting a very jolly gentleman in red and his real reindeer as well as spending some pocket money at the FoCHS Christmas Gift Shop on Monday 4 December. We are all excited about our Christmas productions, which are sure to entertain all ages. All the classes are looking forward to their parties.

Children in Upper Kindergarten, Transition Years 1 & 2 can come to school on their 'Party Day' in party clothes, but please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes and have their coat, hat and gloves as they will still be going out to play! Years 3 – 6 can bring party clothes to change into after lunch. Please check the Dates List/App for your child's party date and all other Christmas events.

Once again our singers in Year 5 will be entertaining the elderly at Pelly Court and Year 4 will be singing at Wensley House Care Home.

Our term ends on Wednesday 13 December and we are asking the pupils to pay a £1 and wear their Christmas jumpers. All donations will go to our Charity of the Year, Pong Tek school in Cambodia.

PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS

We have had several very informative and helpful Parent Coffee Mornings this term. Thank you to all who were able to attend, your ideas are invaluable to us for our forward planning. We shall be continuing with the remaining few next term.

CAR PARK

It seems inevitable that I always have to add a paragraph about parking in almost every Head's letter or newsletter I send and unfortunately, this is no exception. Yet again, more complaints have been brought to my attention recently about the excessive speed of some drivers. Recently, a parked car with an adult and child inside, was hit by another larger vehicle reversing. The driver said she was in a hurry! This is quite unacceptable and has been recorded on our CCTV.

For all children's and adults' safety, please take extra care when driving and manoeuvring in the car park. There should be no parking in the centre of the main car park. Please also be aware of children and adults using the crossing and drop off zone.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

This is a useful aid to help children's brains keep active over the next few weeks and an important reinforcement for Year 6 exam pupils! We shall also be holding a Booster Session for Year 6 pupils on Friday 5 January 2018 to stimulate "the little grey cells!"

SCHOOL APP

You might have noticed that the App had a facelift over the summer at the same time as the school website was updated. One of the main changes is that you are now able to add individual dates to your phone's calendar by clicking the + symbol on the event. The 'Key Dates' section focusses on the term dates and main whole school events, with all other dates on the calendar.

STAFF NEWS

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Graves has had a baby daughter, Beatrice Mary. Our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Graves on their first child.

DATES LIST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The following clubs have now finished for this term:

Art Club (Wed & Fri) – Chess Club – Creative Writing – Gym Club – Fencing Club - Football (With Mr Grenfell) – Karate Club – Multi Sports – Netball Club – Out of the Box - Piano Lessons - Science Club (With Mrs Carter) – Spanish Club - Speech & Drama – Tennis Club (With Mr Robinson on a Wed) – Tennis Club (With Mr Watson & Mrs Cambridge on a Wed)

Monday 4 Dec	Reindeer Visit & Christmas Gift Shop – FOCH Treat AM/PM Singing Assembly (For those children having singing lessons – Parents Welcome) 9am Year 2 visiting St. John's Church to see the Christmas Trees - AM Last Rainbows of the term Last Sparks club of the term Last Singing lessons of the term Year 1 Science club on
Tuesday 5 Dec	Lower & Upper Kindergarten Christmas Concert – 9am – Parents Welcome Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play – 2pm – Year 2 Parents are Welcome Last Violin lessons of the term No Year 2 Science Club (Due to Christmas Play) Upper Kindergarten Christmas Parties – 1pm-3pm Last Sparks Club of the term
Wednesday 6 Dec	Last Music Lessons of the term with Mr Bartels FOCHS Panto Day Treats Lower & Upper Kindergarten Panto – Hansel & Gretel – 9.30am Transition & Year 1 Panto & Workshop – Hansel & Gretel – 10.15am Years 2–6 Panto – Snow White – 2pm start in Chelmsford – Leaving school at 12.30pm Upper Kindergarten Baker Christmas Craft Session – 1.45pm-3pm Last Sparks Club of the term
Thursday 7 Dec	Transition Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal – 9am-10am – GRANDPARENTS ONLY INVITED Coffee Morning for Year 3 Parents with Miss Lovejoy & Mr Hagger – 9am Christmas Lunch – Whole School Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play – 2pm – Year 1 Parents are Welcome Year 5 to Pelly Court – singing carols to the elderly – 2pm-3pm

- Friday 8 Dec Last Yoga Club of the term
 Last Nifty Fingers Club of the term
 Last Tennis Club of the term (With Mr Watson/Mrs Cambridge)
 Transition Christmas Play - All Parents Welcome – 9.15am
 Year 4 to Wensley House - singing carols to the elderly – 2pm-3pm
- Monday 11 Dec Last Year 1 Science Club of the term
 Years 3-6 Christmas Parties – 1.30-3.30pm
 Football Match 'A' team Years 5/6 @ Shooters North Weald 3.45pm-4.45pm
- Tuesday 12 Dec Juniors Rehearsing at the Church for the Carol Service - AM
 Last Science Year 2 Science Club of the term
 Transition, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Parties – 1pm-3pm
 Upper Kindergarten Cambridge Christmas Craft Session – 1.30pm-3pm
 Junior Christmas Carol Service - St. John's Church Epping - Years 3 - 6 All Parents Welcome
- Wednesday 13 Dec Wear a Christmas Jumper Day – Bring a £1 - Whole School

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER IS THE LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM 2017.

Term ends at 11.30am for Early Years

11.45am for Years 1 & 2

12pm for Years 3-6

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2018 – FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 2018

- Tuesday 9 Jan Chess club starts
 Speech & Drama club starts
 Violin Lessons start
 Netball club starts
- Wednesday 10 Jan Tennis club starts (With Mr Watson/Mrs Cambridge)
 Tennis club starts (With Mr Robinson)
 Art club starts
 Karate club starts
 Spanish club starts
 Creative Writing starts
 Music lessons with Mr Bartels start
- Thursday 11 Jan Coffee Morning for Year 4 Parents with Miss Lovejoy & Mr Hagger – 9am
 Fencing club starts
 Piano lessons start
 Speech & Drama club starts
 Swimming starts for Years 3 & 4
- Friday 12 Jan Yoga club starts
 Art club starts
 Piano lessons start
 Tennis club starts (With Mr Watson/Mrs Cambridge)
- Monday 15 Jan Gym club starts
 Rainbows start
 Sparks club starts
 Year 1 Science club starts
 Singing Lessons start

Tuesday 16 Jan Football club with Mr Grenfell starts
Out of the Box club starts
Sparks club starts
Year 2 Science club starts

Wednesday 17 Jan Cross Country Race at High Ongar – Years 3-6 – By Invitation
Sparks club starts

Thursday 18 Jan Coffee Morning for Year 6 Parents with Miss Lovejoy & Mr Hagger – 9am
Multi Sports starts

Friday 19 Jan Nifty Fingers club starts

Wednesday 24 Jan Year 3 Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum – AM/PM

Friday 26 Jan 1B Class Assembly & Coffee Morning – Parents Welcome – 9am

Tuesday 30 Jan 4L Class Assembly & Coffee Morning – Parents Welcome – 9am

Wednesday 31 Jan Drop In Morning for Upper Kindergarten – Year 6 – Parents Welcome - 8am-9am

I hope to see you at our Christmas festivities.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, peaceful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



Kaye Lovejoy
Headmistress

