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Dear Parents,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PTA Christmas Present Wrapping

The PTA have organised Christmas present wrapping for the children during this week at lunchtimes from 12.30 to 1.00pm. The children are able to purchase small gifts ranging from 50p to £5.00 for Mums, Dads, Grandparents, siblings, family and friends

Thursday, 7 December – Year 4 visit to see ‘This Turbulent Priest’

Thursday, 7 December – PTA Christmas Disco

Fledglings, Year 1 & 2 - 3.30 to 4.30pm (Non Uniform Day for Fledglings, Year 1 & 2 only)
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 4.45 to 5.45pm

Friday, 8 December – Flu Immunisation

The school nursing team will be administering the flu immunisations for children in Fledglings to Year 4 who have consented to this.

Monday, 11 December at 2.30pm and Tuesday, 12 December at 9.15am – Nativity Play in the School Hall



Children in Fledglings, Year 1 and Year 2 have been practising every day for our school Nativity Play and once again it is promising to be a real treat. You and your families are welcome to attend.

Christmas Parties

Tuesday, 12 December - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the afternoon

Wednesday, 13 December - Fledglings, Year 1 and 2 in the afternoon

Children can wear party clothes for the whole day but please make sure they are warm enough. Class teachers will be sending out further details shortly but if your child does have a food allergy, please supply them with their own food for the party, thank you.

Please see over



Christingle Services -

Wednesday, 13 December at 2.15pm- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, 14 December at 9.15am - Whole School



We are holding two Christingle Services which will be led by the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesday, 13 December at **2.15pm** and Thursday, 14 December at **9.15am** at St. Mary's Church, Eastry. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will receive their Christingle on the Wednesday and Fledglings, Year 1 and 2 will receive theirs on the Thursday. **Children in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 need to be collected from the church on Wednesday, 13 December.** If you have children in both groups, the staff in Fledglings, Year 1 and 2 are happy to keep your child(ren) so you can walk back to school from the church with your older child(ren) on Wednesday, 13 December. **All children should be brought to school at the normal time on Thursday, 14 December and they will be walked to and from the church for the service.**

Children's Society collecting candles should be brought to school on Wednesday, 13 or Thursday, 14 December. Please do give generously as money raised goes to help children less fortunate.

Thursday, 14 December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 14 December – Nativity Procession leaving School at 3.15pm

All children, parents and carers are invited to line the playground and the streets to watch the Christmas procession led by Reverend David Ridley and **Year 5** complete with donkey! We will walk to the church for a short service and will then walk through the village, hoping to find a room at the inn for Mary and Joseph, finally finishing at the Old Fire Station attached to the Five Bells. We are delighted to once again take part in this event and hope as many as possible will be able to join us. **ALL CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 SHOULD BE COLLECTED FROM THE FIVE BELLS AT 4.15PM.** Children in other year groups should be supervised by their parents/carers during the event.



Friday, 15 December – Christmas Jumper Day!

On Friday, 15 December children may wear a Christmas Jumper to school if they wish, no donations are required.

Friday, 15 December – LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Thursday, 4 January – FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

DID YOU KNOW?

Fledglings are having fun, Christmas themed learning looking at repeating patterns on wrapping paper and making cards.



TURNING ANGELIC!

Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 are busy practising for their nativity plays next week. Year 3 is also busy rehearsing for their performance in the Christingle Services.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

New Caretaker

We would like to welcome Mr Skilling who joins us as our new caretaker at the school. We would also like to wish Mr Barrett all the best for the future and thank him for all his hard work maintaining the school and help in coaching the school football team.

Clubs

Afterschool clubs for this term finish this week. Clubs start again in January on the following dates;

Netball Club – Monday, 8 January

Multisport Club – Wednesday, 10 January

Dance Club – Thursday, 11 January

Scooter Club – Thursday, 11 January

Football Club – Friday, 12 January

Mrs Adams will not be running Relax Kids next term due to other commitments. For further information about enrolling in any of our afterschool clubs, please ask at the school office.

Flying Start Course for Parents

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering another Flying Start course for parents of children in Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2. We have run this course in previous years and have had some very positive feedback from parents. This is a free course for parents which will run every Friday morning from 9.30am to 12noon starting on 12 January 2018. The course includes phonics, reading, storytelling, handwriting, numbers bonds and early calculation method. Your child will also join you for the last 20-30 minutes of each lesson to enjoy an activity together. Further information was sent home with children last week and copies are available from the school office.

PTA Jingle Jackpot

The PTA will be holding a Christmas Raffle with a chance to win £50, £30 or £20. The PTA will be selling tickets at various events leading up to Christmas.

The Beginning of the School Day

The school gates open at 8.35am and the school day and registration takes place at 8.50am. In order to help prevent disruption to learning please can we ask that children are ready in class by 8.50am. **Please can we also remind parents that children should not arrive before 8.35am unless attending Sensory Circuits or pre-booked in to Early Morning Club.** Thank you for your continued support.

Family Worship in Term 3 & 4

Please find below the dates of our family worships for Term 3 & 4

Fledglings	2 February
Year 1	19 January
Year 2	9 March
Year 3	2 March
Year 4	23 March
Year 5	8 February (Founders Day Service)
Year 6	29 March (Easter Service)

School Website

We would like to remind parents to take a look at our new school website where you will find lots of useful information as well as the school calendar and upcoming events.

Starting Primary School in September 2018

We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 that you need to apply for a place at primary school before 15 January 2018 even if you already have another child in the school. On-line applications can be made by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/ola and further information is available on www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Diocesan Christingle

The Diocese would like to invite pupils and their families to the Christingle service to be held in the Nave of Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday, 28 December at 3.00pm. The service will be led by pupils from the Archbishop Courtenay School in Maidstone.

Award Winners

Award Winners on Friday, 1 December were;

Fledglings	Alex Elvey-Er	Year 1	Grace Clarke
Year 2	Estelle Brace	Year 3	Rebecca Mitchell
Year 4	Caitlyn Heath	Year 5	Luca Watkinson
Year 6	Bethany Austin-Collard		

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday, 4 January 2018 for the start of Term 3.

Yours sincerely

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MERRY CHRISTMAS