Dear parents and carers,

Following on from the success of our community bonfire event last week, I would like to share with you all of the exciting plans we have for you and the children in the lead up to Christmas. This is a long letter but we wanted to make sure that you had as much of the information as possible about our exciting half term!

Monday 14th November- School Council coffee afternoon 2pm-3pm to raise money for benches on the playground. The children would love to see you there if you can join us for coffee and cake!

Friday 18th November- Children in Need Day. Children can wear yellow, spotty or bright clothes and bring a £1 for Children in Need.

Monday 21st November- We will be watching the England game as part of our World Cup celebrations in the afternoon. Children can sit in the hall to watch the game or can stay in their classrooms to do an alternative activity.

Tuesday 22nd November- KNWH Talent show after school for children who are taking part in the first round of the competition. Good luck everyone!

Thursday 1st December- Our whole school theatre trip to see 'Nativity the Musical'.

Tuesday 6th December- We would love our Reception and KS1 parents to join us for a Christmas workshop in school! Another event that we have not been able to do for 3 years due to the pandemic and we are so excited that it is back! At 9am adults will be able to enter their child's classroom in Reception and Year 1 from the playground. Year 2 adults can enter from the main office and will be shown to the Year 2 classroom. (If you have 2 or more children in Reception/KS1 please go to your youngest child's classroom and we can send your older sibling to you). There will be a carousel of 4 activities over the morning, and you can have a go at each Christmas activity with your child. This will then finish at 11am so that we can get the children ready for lunchtime. Lots of arts and crafts to get us all into the Christmas spirit! We will be asking for an indication of numbers via a form on School Life over the next few weeks, this will be 1 adult per child due to limits on space in classrooms.

Friday 9th December- This will be our Christmas Disco Day for all of the children! We have taken the decision to move the planned HSA disco to the afternoon rather than after school due to the world cup schedule, as there are quarter final games planned for this evening and England could be in one of them! The children can come to school in their disco clothes, with a donation please for the Christmas raffles that the HSA will be doing at our performances. We will then have a Reception and KS1 disco at 1.30- 2.10pm and then KS2 2.15pm – 3pm. There will be snacks and drinks that the children can purchase at the disco, if you would like to send them in with a little spending money. There is no charge for the disco ticket due to it being in school time and any children

who do not want to go to the disco, can stay in a classroom with an adult to do a different activity.

Monday 12th December and Tuesday 13th December- The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Nativity play for their adults 'Hey Ewe' on Monday 12th at 2pm and Tuesday 13th at 9.30am and 2pm at school. Tickets will cost £1, and each child will be allocated 3 tickets, we will be sending a form out for you to allocate which performance you would like those tickets for and to pay online. These can be spread over the 3 performances or all 3 in one performance, but it must be 3 tickets in total per child to allow us to have every child celebrated by their grown-ups. We can only have 100 adults at each performance, due to fire regulations, so it will be first come first serve for allocation.

Wednesday 14th December- Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper for the day, over their uniform.

Thursday 15th December- KS2 Carols on the playground. We will be inviting adults along to our KS2 Christmas Carol Concert on the KS2 playground at 2.30pm. You will be able to enter the KS2 playground via the Maidensbridge gate from 2.25pm. After we have enjoyed hearing Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 singing their Christmas songs we will be offering hot chocolate and mince pies in the hall. We will be sending a form for you to complete to say whether you are staying for a hot chocolate and mince pie with your child, and we will bring those children to the hall to join you after the concert.

Friday 16th December- our last day of the term and is a normal finish time of 3.15pm. The children will be having parties in their classrooms on this day and can come to school in their party clothes.

Children will then be back in school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

It is lovely to have all these things planned that we have missed so much over the last 3 years. Watch out for forms to complete and tickets etc on School Life for these events so that they can all go smoothly, and we can have a fantastic lead up to Christmas.

Enjoy everyone!

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