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Dear Parents,

Christmas has most definitely arrived at Durweston. The tree is decorated, there are carols echoing around the corridors and the carpets are covered with a light sprinkling of glitter. Let the festive frolics begin!

Despite the gloom, the Fun Run went ahead last Friday and Jacob C stormed to victory! It was really good to see all the children having a go, but I have to say that Cross Country Club really did show that all their training this term has paid off. Well done to everyone who took part, thank you to Miss Stirk for organising and to all the parents who came along and helped. A special mention must go to Mr Dickson who brought along a car full of Bryanston 6th formers who were able to keep up with our fastest runners and marshal them safely back to school.

Christmas Fair

Lots of rain is forecast for Saturday afternoon, so come and be cosy, warm and dry at our Christmas Fair! Our marvellous PTA has made sure that everything is now going to happen inside, so cast off your waterproofs at the door and enjoy the festive treats they have prepared.

Here's the running order:

3.30pm - Arrive, sprint through the rain from your car and into the Fair!

3.45pm - Santa arrives!

4pm, 4.20pm, 4.40pm and 5.00pm - Story telling with Santa in Porpoises' classroom.

4 - 4.30pm and 5 - 5.30pm - Andy the Magic Man - free magic show.

5.40pm - Come and hear the children singing. We really hope lots of the children will come and perform. They've been practising hard and sound fantastic. Children need to gather with Faye at 5.30pm.

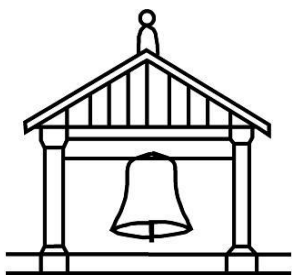
5.50pm - Mrs Brooke calling the raffle.

We really hope to see lots of you, your friends and your family. I'm hoping to do most of my Christmas shopping!

Durweston Carol Service

The village carol service is on Sunday evening at 6pm at St Nicholas' and it would be lovely to see you there. Some of our children are singing as part of the service, but any who come along will be invited to come to the front and sing 'Away in a Manger.' Drinks and nibbles will be available at the end of the service (and Mrs Brooke usually brings chocolates for the children).





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Best laid plans.....

We can only apologise for the mix-up with coaches that took place this morning. The office had booked the coach for Sharks and Porpoises trip to Winchester Science museum for 8.30am and we had organised for it to park in the village hall to ease the congestion. However the coach company had written down 9am and then decided to change coaches at the last minute and so didn't turn up until 9.15am.

Busy week

Two nativities, Christmas lunch, the Yuletide festival, a Carol Service and class parties - never let it be said we don't know how to celebrate here at Durweston. Check with your class teachers if there are any details you're unsure of and **don't forget we break up at 1pm on Friday!**

Finally, a very big thank you to whoever has left their rather lovely red-framed reading glasses at school. They have been fantastically useful and made me realise I really need to get a pair of my own. However, I'm sure their owner would like them back so please do come and collect them before we break up.

See you at the Fair!

Nicola Brooke

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 10th December, 3.30pm - 6pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Sunday 11th December, 6pm	Durweston Carol Service
Tuesday 13th December, 2.15pm	Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity
Wednesday 14th December, 9.15am	Handy Paws and Starfish Nativity
Thursday 15th December, 6pm	Sharks and Porpoises Carol Service
Friday 16th December, 1pm	END OF TERM
Monday 19th December	Premier Sport Holiday club (booking form available from the office)
Wednesday 21st December, 6pm	Stourpaine Carol singing
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	Staff training day
Wednesday 4th January, 8.50am	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL