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Dear Parents,

Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation Team would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their Community Clinics if your child missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation on their visit to school this week. You can book an appointment via their website on the link below: https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/ This link also provides other useful information regarding vaccinations and the School Aged Immunisation Service.

If your child was vaccinated on the School Immunisation Team's visit to school on Wednesday, you are invited to complete the following surveys:

https://www.oc-meridian.com/KCHT/survey/ParentGuardianCarerExperienceSurvey https://www.oc-meridian.com/KCHT/survey/ChildrensExperienceSurveyAges4to10

or

Key Stage 1 and 2 Nativities

A heavenly host of angels, a collection of wise men and shepherds and a number of other very familiar figures are very excited to share their Nativities with you over the coming weeks. A reminder that each child will be allocated two audience seats at the performances as follows: Reception - Tuesday 5th December, Year 1 - Wednesday 6th December, Year 2 - Thursday 7th December. All Key Stage 1 performances will be in the school hall at 9:30am. Entrance will be through the playground gate.

The Key Stage 2 Nativity will take place in Church at 2:00pm on the last Monday and Tuesday of term. Again, each child will be allocated two seats as follows: Years 3 and 4 on Monday 11th December, and Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday 12th December. Please wait outside the Church until we are able to admit and seat you. Thank you.

Please remember that the taking of photographs and/or videos during the Nativity performances is NOT permitted. Please do not surreptitiously try to take photos or videos- it is off-putting to both the children and other members of the audience -and we do find out! There will be an opportunity to take photographs of the Key Stage 1 classes at the end of the performance, and teachers will include photographs of the Key Stage 2 children on their newsletters. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Nurturing the spark of God within

"Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles" Isaiah 40:31



Leybourne Grange Riding Centre for the Disabled Nativity

We are delighted to be attending the annual Leybourne Grange Nativity next Friday afternoon with Years 4-6. This really is such a special occasion – it totally epitomises the magic of Christmas for everyone attending. Please do see the separate letter that has been sent out, as it contains some important information about the event.

Melody Makers

It was lovely to hear the Melody Makers perform at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday – my thanks go to the children, and to Stephen and Anne Thomas for all of their hard work and support. Attached to this letter is a flyer for "Follow that Star!", a fun-filled Nativity Christmas Musical that Melody Makers are performing at Leybourne Church on Saturday 9th December at 4:00pm. Good luck to everyone taking part - I'm sure it will be wonderful!

PTFA Christmas Fayre - Saturday 25th November

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fayre last Saturday. It really was lovely to see so many families there! Thanks to your support, and the incredible hard work of the PTFA, wonderfully led by Jenny Gillespie, the amazing sum of £3000.13 has been raised to further support the development of the outdoor areas and playground provision for the children.

School Run Clubs

Please remember that all school run extra-curricular clubs have now finished for this term. Thank you.

Winter Mini Reading Challenge - A message from Kent County Council

Following the brilliant success of the Summer Reading Challenge, the Winter Mini Challenge is on its way running from 1 December till 19 February and will be continuing the Ready, Set, Read! theme brought to life once more by the amazing illustrator, Loretta Schauer.

The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter break. Join the six characters as they have fun on a winter walk to the library and spark a love of reading even in the most reluctant of readers.

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Children read at least three books of their choice between 1 December 2023 and 19 February 2024 and add them to their online profile at the Winter Mini Challenge website. Reaching their reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep. You'll find lots of other stuff on The Reading Agencies website too, book reviews, activities and content from the best children's authors and illustrators around. For parents, they have a Home Zone and Library Zone with more information and top tips to help parents and children keep up to date with news and competitions on their Facebook page.

The wonderful thing is that the Winter Mini Challenge is absolutely free, and children can either read their own books or pop onto their closest library and choose from a huge selection of books, all free of charge. Further information can be found at https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ (please ignore the title of the webpage!)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and it isn't too cold!

Best wishes

Tina Holditch Headteacher