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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to update you on the lovely things that have been happening in school recently and the exciting events that are coming up.

S.T.E.M Day

We had a wonderful morning where the children took part in activities relating to science, technology, engineering and maths. We had innovating inventions, experimenting, investigating, problem solving and lots of collaboration. We hope to have inspired our children or even ignited a new interest.

Africa Alive

Our children in Bumblebee class had a great time at Africa Alive last week. They have recently been learning about Kenya and so to see and learn about animals which come from this country and continent was a wonderful experience. There are some lovely photos on Facebook so if you haven't seen them already, do take a look.

Your Voice Matters

We would like to thank you, the parents, for your ongoing support. Some of you recently got in touch with ideas of how to make the parent visits and share sessions more fun and accessible. Hearing your reflections helps us to enrich our school. Please keep them coming. You are very welcome to come along to our coffee mornings or to send me an email as and when you have something to share.

Christmas Share Afternoon – Wednesday 14th December

We are very much getting ready for Christmas and the planning of festive activities are well underway! For our Christmas Share Afternoon, we would like to invite parents or other family members to come along and join their children in making Christmas crafts. The children will be in their house groups so siblings will be together. There will also be teas, coffees and mince pies for the grown-ups! We will be starting at 1.15pm and will aim to finish at 2.50. The children will be dismissed at the normal time at their usual gate.

'Carols Around the Tree' – Thursday 15th December

To bring the term to a close, we will be having an afternoon of 'Carols Around the Tree'. All of the school will come together to sing well known Christmas songs and to share short Christmas poems or extracts from a Christmas story. We would be delighted if you could join us too. We will start at 2.30pm and will aim to finish at 3pm. If your child would like to read a short Christmas poem or an extract from a story, please bring a copy to Mrs Clarke by **Monday 12th December**. We hope you can join us!

Christmas Cards Post Box

The post box for Christmas cards will be opening on **1st December – 14th December**. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends, then they are very welcome to bring their cards into school and post them in the special Christmas post box which will be placed in the corridor. If you could also put the child's year group on envelope, this will really help us to make sure they get to the right children. Thank you!

Coffee and Cake Morning

Our next coffee and cake morning will be on Thursday 1st December with Mrs Clarke and Mrs Brydon (SENCo). Please do come along, meet other parents, chat with staff and ask any questions. It will be lovely to see you there.

Parking Area

As you will know, the parking area outside the school can become very busy during drop off and collection times. You may already be aware of a blind spot where cars turn the corner to enter the parking area (opposite the Bumblebee class gate). This corner is often where the children from Bumblebee class cross over to enter their playground so please be aware that due to the large trees on that corner, it can be very tricky to see the children stepping out.

Safeguarding Updates

This month the safeguarding theme is 'Online Advice'. Please see below a link to a short video which will provide you with useful information on how to keep young children safe whilst they are online. If you have any questions about any of our safeguarding features, then please speak to Mrs Clarke or Mrs Flatman. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81aKC1owwAY&t=14s>

Lunchtimes

Our staff have been reviewing the experience our children have during their lunchtime. From these reflections we are going to be offering the children the choice of either going outside or staying indoors. The activities outside will include; sports games led by Clarke Coaching, equipment to play with, playing on the apparatus and making up their own games. Inside, the children will have the choice of drawing, colouring, reading, writing in their creative writing books or playing board games. We hope that this will provide the children with more options at playtime and enhance their experience.

Dates for the Diary

December

Thurs 1st Dec – Coffee & Cake morning with Mrs Clarke and Mrs Brydon (SENCo) 9am – 10am

Thurs 8th Dec – Pantomime

Monday 12th Dec – Nativity – Evening Performance – 6pm

Tuesday 13th Dec – Nativity – Afternoon Performance 1.30pm and Evening Performance 6pm

Weds 14th Dec – Christmas Share Afternoon – 1.15 – 2.50

Thurs 15th Dec – 'Carols around the tree' – 2.30pm – 3pm

Friday 16th Dec – PD Day

January

Tues 3rd – PD Day

Weds 4th – 1st day back for the children

Best wishes,

Hayley Clarke

Head of School