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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, the school has continued to be a hive of activity, with the children thoroughly enjoying their new topics and creating some wonderful pieces of work. The school is a lovely place to be. Christmas is fast approaching, and we would like to take this opportunity to share our adapted Christmas plan and some other important news and information with you.

Christmas Activities

Christmas will look different at Worham this year however it will not dampen our festive spirits!

Advent Calendars – This year, Graham Reardon, from the Church, has kindly donated an advent calendar for every child. These advent calendars tell the story of Christmas. We would like Graham for his kind donation. Your child will bring their calendar home on **Friday 27th November**.

Christmas Cards – We will be continuing the tradition of the children writing and sending cards to one another. Our school post box will open on **Tuesday 1st December**. Please ensure that the envelope is labelled with the recipient and their class name. The last posting date will be **Friday 11th December**. This will allow the Christmas elves enough time to quarantine and sort them! Children will then receive their Christmas cards on **Tuesday 15th December**.

Panto – As we will not be able to go on our whole school trip to see the Pantomime, we have purchased a professional recording of Goldilocks and the Three Bears that the children will watch during our last week.

Christmas Jumper Day – The children will be able to come into school wearing a festive jumper on the last day, **Thursday 17th December**. This has been organised by FOWs as a fundraiser activity. Therefore, we would be grateful if each child could bring a £1 donation to school on this day.

Final Week:

Monday – The children will have a day of making Christmas crafts, like we would do for Share Day.

Tuesday – In the morning, the children will be putting up Christmas decorations in their classrooms, ready for their Christmas lunch. In the afternoon, every class will be watching the Pantomime (in their own classrooms) and enjoying some popcorn!

Wednesday – Christmas fun and games!

Thursday – Christmas film and treats!

Mrs Emmsden

Please join us in welcoming Mrs Emmsden to our school community. Mrs Emmsden is working with Bumblebee Class and brings with her a wealth of experience in the Early Years Foundation. She has settled in very well to life at Worham Primary and the children in Bumblebee Class are thoroughly enjoying her being in their class.

Mrs Widdeson

We would like to congratulate Mrs Widdeson on passing her Forest Schools training. We had no doubt that she would pass this with flying colours and this achievement is a credit to her hard work and passion.

FOWS

We would like to thank our Friends of Wortham Primary School for all their continued hard work and creativity in fundraising for the school this term. A significant amount of over £1000 has been raised already. We are delighted that FOWS have very kindly planned to use this money to purchase new reading books for every class. Thank you to the team and also to our parents for their support in joining in with these activities and helping to raise such a fantastic amount of money for the school.

Remembrance

To mark Remembrance day this year, we all stopped in our classes at 11am and held a 2 minute silence. We talked with the children about the importance of why we do this every year, and some classes created some wonderful artwork to commemorate this significant day.

Anti-Bullying Week

To celebrate Anti-Bullying week this year, we have focused on 'Kindness' and what this looks like. The children have spent the week recording any acts of kindness they see on a paper chain and at the end of the week these were joined together to make one large chain. Please see the photos on our school Facebook page. We are incredibly lucky to have such kind and thoughtful children in our school who support and take care of one another.

Handwriting Competition

We were blown away by the amount of entries that we had for our Handwriting competition so much so that we had to increase the number of awards that were given. The standard of handwriting throughout the school has improved significantly already and we are seeing many excellent examples of neat presentation. Look out for our next handwriting competition early next year!

Google Classroom

Thank you to all our parents for their support in helping their child to access and complete their Google Classroom task. This has been a success and staff will now continue to set tasks for the children to complete. You will be given information about this by your child's class teacher.

Book Fair

We are very excited to still be able to hold a book fair again the year. This will need to run differently and unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents in to browse the books. The book fair will be arriving on Wednesday 2nd December and will be here until Wednesday 9th December. A separate letter will be sent out to explain how the book fair will be organised this year and how you will still be able to purchase books for your children.

Flu Jab

This is a reminder that all children in school are scheduled to have the flu jab on Wednesday 2nd December. More information on this will be sent to all of you in due course.

Our last day will be **Thursday 17th December**. We have a PD on Monday 4th January and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 5th January**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a healthy, happy Christmas and New Year.

Best Wishes,

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