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Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s been a challenging week with new Covid cases being identified each day. Thankfully, the children seem to be experiencing only minor symptoms but we all know this is a virus to be taken very seriously. In this difficult week, I have been incredibly proud of the response of the children in school and at home, getting on with their learning as well as ever. Particular thanks to Ms Saunders and Mrs Brown who have ‘bubbled up’ with Y6 children and kept everything going for them.

I’m aware that you have received extra emails from school this week, we hope this will settle down in the weeks ahead and want to let you know that we have signed up for a new website and app that will be launched in the spring, giving the ability to receive messages from school through the app. More details will follow on this.

**Christmas Fair – Now online**

Sadly, we have had to call a halt to the physical Christmas Fair at the end of November.

We are however running a Virtual Christmas Market.   The Virtual Market will run from Thursday 11th November until Christmas Eve, the cost of a “stall” is £5 and you can advertise as much as you like during this time.

Here is the link to our Virtual Christmas Market

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/187051760261344/>

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The Christmas Raffle is still taking place, please send in items for the Rainbow Hampers by Friday 19th November and buy the raffle tickets!

**Children in Need – Friday 19th November – PJs, fancy dress or bright colours for a donation of £1 or more.**

It’s Children in Need this Friday. Along with dressing up, we’ll take part in the special Joe Wicks workout and have one of our lunchtime discos if the weather allows it.

**Recorder groups**

Our new music teacher, Sarah Pugh, would like to run some recorder groups if enough families are interested. Cost would be around £5 per lesson for a group of three children learning together. These sessions are aimed at children in Year 2 and above.

Please contact Sarah on [sarahfwatton@gmail.com](mailto:sarahfwatton@gmail.com) for a place.

Mrs Chalke will continue to run her recorder club alongside these lessons.

**Christmas Shoebox appeal**

Many thanks to everyone who has made a Christmas Shoebox this year. They were collected from school on Thursday 11th November. The Rotary Club were very grateful to everyone who made them.

**Warriors (Fridays after school)**

The Warriors club are offering a one-month free trial in December to any child who would benefit from the club to help with anxiety or self-confidence. There are 30 tickets in the office, please ask for one if you would like your child to try this club.

**Christmas Holiday Club at the Abbey**

Here’s the booking link for the Christmas Multi-Sports Camp from 20th to 23rd Dec.

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19843-734230/>

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**September 2021 to August 2022**

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| Autumn term ends | Friday 17 December 2021 |
| Christmas holidays | Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022 |

**Spring Term**

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| INSET DAY | Tuesday 4 January 2022 |
| Children start back | Wednesday 5 January 2022 |
| Spring half term  INSET DAY | Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022  Monday 14th March 2022 |
| Spring term ends  INSET DAY | Thursday 7 April 2022  Friday 8th April 2022 |
| Easter holidays | Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022 |

**Summer Term**

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| Children start back | Monday 25 April 2022 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 2 May 2022 (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| Summer half term | Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022 |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Summer term ends | Friday 22 July 2022 |
| Summer holidays | Monday 25 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022 |