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Dear Parents and Carers

Stockand Cross Country

Mrs Churchill's report: "On Wednesday twelve children took part in Stockland Cross Country Races. We had a very enthusiastic group of children ready to go! The course has all sorts of terrain, streams, mud and stony patches. Congratulations to all that ran, particularly Finlay Downes who won the Y3/4 boys race. Children who came within the top 20 were: Sam Davies, Samuel Gregory, Emilia Smith and Chloe Pring. A great effort from Riley Hull and Chloe Pring who had never taken part before but still crossed the finishing line with a smile! Well done everyone!"

Football V North Curry

On Wednesday we are taking two Y5/6 Football teams to North Curry Primary School. The school has arranged transport for the children. The children selected for the team are:

Team A: Flynn Smith, Hayden Hull, Emilia Smith, James Edginton, Oliver Board, Matthew Kirkham & Samuel Gregory. Team B: Tierney Freer, Luke Sweet, Isaac Henley, Aaron Aston, Monty Willis, Alfie Rowson & Danny Matravers. A permission letter has been sent home. Good luck!

Football V Coombe St Nicholas

On Thursday we have a home Y3/4 football fixture against Coombe St Nicholas. The children selected for the team are: Kieran Winkler, Samuel Davies, Samuel Gummer, William James, Harrison Larcombe, Finlay Downes, Jenson Freer & Oliver Dickenson. A permission letter has been sent home. As you know we have enjoyed some lovely teas at our away fixtures so that we can return this during our home games; we would like to ask for parents of the team to volunteer to serve hot drinks and squash from the Green Room during the afternoon. We would also like to ask parents to donate cakes for the teams. Good luck to the team!

School Sports Kit

Please can parents ensure that the sports kits are returned washed as soon as possible after fixtures. Some children are holding on to their kits for their next fixture but we really need all the kits returned each time so we can ensure that none are missing; and also so we know exactly what kits we have available to hand out for the next fixture.

Choir Visit to Chard Museum

On Friday 27th the choir will visit Chard Museum to take part in a Christmas Concert. They will sing for around 10 minutes, opening the concert. The event runs from **5.00pm-6.30pm**, finishing in time for the turning on of the Christmas lights in Chard at 7.00pm. Children should arrive at the event wearing their **school uniform** at **4.45pm** and make their way into the museum, through the double doors to the right and up to the barn out the back. They may wear some tinsel or something similarly sparkly in their hair! We cannot be certain of the exact time the concert will finish, but the aim is **6.30pm** so please could parents ensure that they are there for that time to collect your child. Parents have already been invited to attend, tickets are free but the museum needs to know approximate numbers. Please let Miss Morton know asap if you would like to attend and haven't already reserved tickets.

Company number: 7700773

Club Information

From next week Hockey and Football clubs will **finish at 4.30pm** due to the darker evenings. **There will be no Friday morning Cross Country Club on Friday 27th, I have told the children today.**

After-School Music Club Changes

We have been lucky to have dedicated musicians in our orchestra, who have attended rehearsals regularly and performed at various events. However, due to the number of club members being so low, we have had to make the difficult decision of **stopping orchestra club**, with the Christmas concert being their final performance. From January, orchestra will be replaced by **Ukulele Club**. Anyone from year 3 onwards is welcome, and school will supply the ukuleles. Many thanks to PAFOTS for providing the funds for our new set! Choir will continue as usual, welcoming any budding new singers from January!

Cold Spell

The weather is turning colder so a reminder that children should arrive with sweatshirts and will be expected to have them on through the day.

Visible Clothing

As it is much darker now after school, I would like to ask if all parents could try to provide an item of high visibility or reflective clothing for their child to wear to help them travel safely. Those children who cycle to school should already have an item of fluorescent clothing as well as working bicycle lights.

Christmas Nativity

The ticket letter has gone out today KS1 & Reception parents, tickets are limited to two per family regardless of the number of children you have. You may use these to come to one performance or one ticket for one performance and one for another. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis so to avoid disappointment please apply as soon as possible. Spare tickets will be offered on Wednesday 9th December, please ask at the office. A separate costume letter has already been sent out; please could costumes be brought into school by Friday 11th December at the latest. As in previous years, there will be no charge for tickets but there will be a retiring collection for our chosen charity this year, which is 'Escape Support Group'. This is a local charity based in Taunton who support families raising special children through a range of activities, days out and short break holidays.

Cake Day

Next Friday 27th November is our monthly cake day! Please remember to send in 10p with your child if you wish them to have a cake. Parents are asked to bake cakes so the class can enjoy this monthly treat. All the money raised helps to keep the costs down for activities in school.

Stage Up & Christmas Tree Decorating

PAFOTS will be putting up the stage and decorating the tree on Friday 4th December at 9.00am. If anyone can spare half an hour to help they would be very grateful. Children are invited to make a Christmas decoration to put on the tree in the hall. They should be a maximum size of 5cm and brought into school by the end of November.

Christmas Bazaar

The next PAFOTS fundraising event is the Xmas Bazaar on Friday 11th December 3-4.30pm; this is an opportunity for parents to 'purchase' gifts that their child has made in class, as well as toys, games, books, puzzles and cakes! As usual we have a very special visitor attending. Do come along and support PAFOTS with their fundraising.

Reception parents and those with younger children with pushchairs can start coming in at 2.45pm to buy their child's items, as it gets busier from 3.30 onwards.

Parents are asked to help with donations for the Bazaar. Pafots would like donations of good quality items: toys, games, books and puzzles as well as cakes! Please bring these items to school on the Friday morning.

Medical, Dental or Hospital Appointments.

We encourage these appointments to take place out of school time, where this is not possible we will require proof of the appointment in order to authorise the appointment. We will also require your child to return to school for the remainder of the session following the appointment.

Yours sincerely



Steve Clarke
Principal

*****Dates for the Diary*****

November

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| Wednesday 25th | Sports Practise/Forest School 3-4.40 Y5/6 Football V N Curry A&B (A) ST |
| Thursday 26th | 2-3.30 Y3/4 Football V Combe St Nicholas (H) 8.00 Finance & Personnel Governors Meeting |
| Friday 27th | 4.45-6.30pm: Choir to Chard Museum for Concert PT |

December

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| Wednesday 2nd | Sports Practise/Forest School |
| Thursday 3rd | Sports Practise/Forest School |
| Friday 4th | Stage Up & Christmas Tree |
| Tuesday 8th | 2.00 Chard Area Hockey U11 at Holyrood PT |
| Wednesday 9th | Y5/6 Girl's Hockey A Team V St Johns Sidmouth (A) Y5/6 Football A Team Vs St Johns (A) ST |
| Thursday 10th | Sports Practise/Forest School 6.30 Full Governors Meeting |
| Tuesday 15th | 2.15pm:Dress Rehearsal |
| Wednesday 16th | Christmas Lunch in School (KS1) 6.30pm:KS1 School Christmas Performance |
| Thursday 17th | 6.30pm:KS1 School Christmas Performance |
| Friday 18th | Last Day of Term |

*****PAFOTS Events*****

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| Wednesday 9th December | 6.30-8.00pm KS2 Junior Disco |
| Friday 11th December | 2.45-4.00pm: Xmas Bazaar – Cake donations please |
| Tuesday 12th January | 6.00-7.00pm: PAFOTS Meeting |
| Friday 5th February | 6.30-8.30: Beetledrive |
| Tuesday 23rd February | 6.00-7.00pm: PAFOTS Meeting |

*****Cake Days*****

Friday 27th November & Friday 18th December