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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Festive Season is now in full swing. All of the preparations for the Christmas Tree Festival are completed, we are holding our school Christmas Fair on Saturday and Nativity preparations are well underway. The children have remained very focused on their learning while fitting in opportunities to rehearse for all of the events.

We have had a lovely beginning to the first week in Advent, in our worship we have shared the meaning of our Advent wreath and lit the first candle. By the time you receive this, our children will have sung at the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church. They have worked very hard and we are really proud of them, their commitment, enthusiasm and ability to convey the joy of the Christmas message. Thank you to Mrs Jones for all of her hard work and the parents who supported them that meant they had this opportunity.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we have our Christingle Service; this will be instead of a Eucharist. The service is in church at 8.40am all parents, family and friends are welcome to join us. We will be making Christingles with the children during the **morning** on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and would like to invite parents to come in to help the children make them immediately after drop off in the morning from **8.30am** onwards. We would be grateful if you could provide your child with an orange to make their Christingle, they will bring it home after the service. The school will provide all of the other materials that are needed. It would be helpful if the children could bring in their orange on Monday ready for the activity on Tuesday. Please do not worry if your child is not able to bring in an orange, the school will have some spare ones to make sure that everyone is included.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have already returned your Parent Questionnaires. They are one of the many ways that the school can receive feedback and it is important that we are able to reflect on the way in which we do things to support our children and parents. If you have not done so already, please do try to return it. Spare copies are available from the office.

We look forward to seeing you this weekend at the Christmas Fair and at all of the events that are taking place over the coming weeks.

Best wishes  
Mrs Fox

### School payment system reminder

A reminder that you can use the school payment system to pay any outstanding money owed. If you haven't got the link to use School Money, please speak to Suzanne or Melissa and they will text you a new link and password. You can also pay over the phone or in the school office by debit/credit card. If you are paying by cash, please have the correct money with you as we now have a lack of change in the school office. Many thanks.

### Collective Worship

#### Advent

*As we light this Advent Candle,  
May it's light be a symbol of hope  
And it's warmth a symbol of God's love for each  
one of us.*

*As we look forward to your coming - Jesus,  
May we love you as Mary loved you,  
May we serve you as Joseph served you,  
And may we worship you as the angels  
worshipped you.  
Amen*

### Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Monday	Fish fingers/cheese and tomato quiche with chips, beans and peas followed by chocolate and brownie.
Tuesday	<b>CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU</b>
Weds	Chicken Neapolitan with whole meal pasta OR lentil and basil turnover with new potatoes, broccoli and carrots followed by whole meal banana loaf.
Thursday	Spaghetti beef Bolognese OR lentil and sweet potato curry with rice followed by apple sponge with custard.
Friday	Beef burger/vegetable lasagna with jacket wedges, coleslaw and sweetcorn followed by orange bread and butter pudding with custard.

### Attendance %

Apple	86.24
Willow	91.07
Sycamore	95.24
Juniper	94.74
Cherry	98.57
Silver Birch	90.11
Oak	92.21
Whole School	92.95

Congratulations to Cherry Class for their positive attendance this week!

## Dates for your Diary

### December

Thursday 7th	~ Christmas Tree Festival opening 3.30pm
Friday 8th	~ <b>Development Day—School Closed</b>
Saturday 9th	~ School Christmas Fair
Tues 12th	~ 8.30 am, come in to help make Christingles
Wednesday 13th	~ 8.40am Christingle Service, all welcome.
	~ Phil The Bag collection
Friday 15th	~ Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th	~ 6.00pm School Nativity
Wednesday 20th	~ 1.15pm School Nativity

### Raffle Prizes - Draw on Saturday 9th

A bottle of Mumm Champagne  
 A bottle of Gordon's Gin  
 Cuddly Toy  
 A bottle of Smirnoff Vodka  
 A Christmas Puzzle  
 £10 Garlic Farm Voucher  
 A bottle of Bells Whiskey  
 Chocolates Selection  
 Rapa Nui T-shirts and Socks  
 Cream Tea at the IOW Pearl  
 Family Pass for Tapnell Farm  
 John Deere Calendar and Toy Tractor  
 .....And many more

Tickets £1 per strip

### Lights, Camel, Action!

This year, our **School Nativity** performances will be in the Church on **Tuesday 19th December at 6pm** and **Wednesday 20th December at 1.15pm**. You should have received a letter regarding tickets with an order form. If you haven't received one, please collect one at the school office.

### Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday the 15th** is Christmas Jumper day in aid of 'Save the Children'. We are inviting children to wear **Christmas themed mufti** for the day for a suggested donation of £1.

### After School Clubs

All after school clubs finish next week. There will be no after school clubs the last week of term.

Football practice will resume again the second week back in January.

# Brighstone Primary School

## Christmas Fair

### Saturday 9th December

### 1-4pm

- \*Crafts and Gifts
- \*Homemade Refreshments
- \*Raffle
- \*Santa's Grotto
- \*Chocolate Tombola
- \*Fun and games for children

**Free Entry**  
**All Welcome**

In support of Brighstone School Association. Registered Charity number: 104355

### Christingle Service

Please can children **bring in an orange** on Monday 11th December to be decorated on Tuesday for the Christingle Service on Wednesday in the Church at 8.40, all welcome.

### Sickness/Absence

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please ensure you let the school know by telephone 01983 740285 or email: [office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk) by 8:55am on the first day of absence.

When your child is well enough to return to school, please provide a note or email explaining the absence. If we do not receive this within 3 days of your child returning to school, the absence will be marked as UNAUTHORISED.

### Phil The Bag

You can drop off your plastic bags of old textiles, shoes and bags etc on Tuesday 12th December from 2.45—7.30 p.m. or from Wednesday 13th December from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. to our School Hall.

This will be the last Phil The Bag for the Isle of Wight.