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Dear Parents and Children

What an amazing week of Christmas Performances. However, before saying more about those, I would like to share some important information about the Year 1-6 Panto trip next Wednesday.

Panto Trip

The performance next week is in the afternoon. We will be having an early lunch and be leaving the school at approximately 12.30pm. All parent helpers should be in school for about 12.15pm, please, if possible.

On our return at about 4.30pm, no matter where the children disembark, they will ALL BE RETURNING TO THEIR CLASSES WITH THEIR TEACHERS. Collection will then be as it would normally be at the end of the school day. In this way, we can be sure that children, particularly the younger ones, are not getting swept along with adults who are not actually picking them up. Many thanks indeed, in anticipation, for your understanding.

One more thing; if at all possible, if you could leave Asbury Road clear for us, we might be able to get some of the coaches back onto the playground as we return at about 4.30pm.

Many, many thanks.

Bebras Challenge Competition

Some of Mrs Edwards' Code Club children took part in this competition. All the children who took part will receive a certificate. Special mention to Luke F (6W) and Jayden R (5B) who were best in school in their respective age categories; Thomas O'R (6W), Clarissa Y (5B) and Rohan H (5P) who all received a Certificate of Distinction; Freya P (6W) and Edward L (5B) who received a Certificate of Merit. Well done also to Kyle H (6J), Jason K (5M) and Libby R who also took part in the challenge. Many thanks Mrs Edwards for making this

possible.

Football

Year 6 footballers have played well yet again, this time against St Anne's. A great headed goal from Luke P and a fine captain's display from Alex R saw us on top for parts of the second half. After Christmas we return to league matches with us handily placed fourth at the moment. Very well done indeed to all of the players

Swimming

Our Year 5 and 6 swim teams competed at a gala on last Thursday against five other schools. The level of skill shown by all swimmers was impressive and it was a hard fought competition. Ruby P-G swam excellently for the year 6's, as did Ollie M and Lucy M, scoring valuable points in the individual medley. The girls' team, captained by Milli R, finished 4th overall, beating KHVIII, who hosted, and Bablake. The boys' team, captained by Alex R, also finished fourth and competed with a never say die attitude. Well done all swimmers; thank you to parents who supported; thank you to Mr Barton for his coaching and organisation.

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RW - 100%
KS1 Highest	2L - 99.6%
LKS2 Highest	4A - 100%
UKS2 Highest	5P - 99.3%
Whole school	97.6%

Very well done again to all of the classes for their continued determination to be in school!

Head's Classes of the Week

	Last Week
EYFS	RC
KS1	2M
LKS2	3M
UKS2	6P

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

Many congratulations to the classes above and the children below for achieving the most ATL points last week.

KS1	Emily B, 2M
LKS2	Olivia M, 3D
UKS2	James H, 6W

Performances

We have had an absolutely splendid week and a half of Christmas shows. Nursery's 'Very Own Nativity', Reception's 'Whoops a Daisy Angel', Year 1's 'Away in a Manger' and Year 2's 'The Magical Christmas Box' have, indeed, been particularly magical. Thank you so much for attending our shows; thank you children for being absolutely amazing; thank you staff for your stunning work.

As I explained at the performances, please visit www.activepix.co.uk to view Nick's pictures, and we will let you know as soon as possible that the videos are ready for downloading from the website.

In the meantime, below are a couple of reminders of this year's Christmas Nativities.



Three Shopping Saturdays left until Christmas Day!
Have a great weekend
GT Burgess

Robins

Alice O, RC	Christopher M, RW	Allegra M, RM
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Writers of the Week

Alice, RC	Maya S, RW	Joseph G, 1B
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Maths Magician

Rebecca H, RW	Harriet D, RM	Albert B, 1B
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Good Choice Stars of the Week

Joseph S, 1B	Ella G, 3C	Isaac S, 4C	Tia B, 5B	Eleanor D-D, 6W
	Lauren O, 3M		Christie S, 5B	Milli R, 6J
	Shaan R, 3D		Ollie M, 5B	
	Freya W, 3D		Rachel W, 5P	

Diary Dates

Key

	Class Assemblies/Performances etc
	INSET
	Parents'/Information evenings
	PTA
	Trips/visitors/dress-up days etc

Monday 11th December	LKS2 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) LKS2 Carol Concert (14.00 and 18.00)
Tuesday 12th December	UKS2 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal/Grandparents (9.30) UKS2 Carol Concert (14.00 and 18.00)
Wednesday 13th December	Year 1-6 Panto Trip (Leamington Spa) Sleeping Beauty
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December	KS1 Birthday Assembly (Not KS2)
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 3rd January	Return to school
Wednesday 10th January	PTA (19.00)
Friday 12th January	1B Class Assembly 3B Class Assembly
Friday 19th January	1H Class Assembly 3C Class Assembly
Monday 22nd January	Toymaker to Y1
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Tuesday 23rd January	Toymaker to Y1
Friday 26th January	1K Class Assembly 3D Class Assembly Head's Quiz
	Non-school Uniform for Mikey's Wish - Wear something BLUE
Friday 2nd February	1R Class Assembly
BOOKS AND TARGETS HOME	
Saturday 3rd February	PTA Ball
Friday 9th February	2K Class Assembly Dads' Scalextric (19.30)

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