

As we enter the last two weeks of term, there's lots of festive excitement ahead!

### **Christmas Fair - This Friday**

We're looking forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Fair on Friday.

We recognise that Christmas is an expensive time of year for families. Whilst we really appreciate any contributions to the PTA and support for school events, we also understand that some families may not be able to attend or contribute at this time – and that's absolutely fine.

If you are not intending to visit the Christmas Fair for any reason, please do not feel you need to collect your child at 2pm. School is not closing early, and staff will be available to supervise children until the normal end of day at 3.15pm.

### **Festive Performances**

Our children have been working incredibly hard preparing for their Nativity and Carol concerts, and we can't wait to share their amazing performances with you next week. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and dedication.

You are welcome to take photos and videos of performances for your own personal, family use.

We ask that families:

- use images responsibly,
- avoid posting photos or videos online that include other children without permission, and
- follow any instructions from staff during the event

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe while enabling families to enjoy and celebrate these events.

### **Christmas Jumper Days**

Children may wear their Christmas jumpers on:

- **Friday** (Christmas Fair day)
- **Wednesday 17th December** (Christmas dinner day)
- **The last day of term** (non-school uniform day – children may wish to wear their jumpers again!)

### **Welcome to Our New Education Welfare Officer**

We're delighted to welcome **Chris Porter**, who is joining us as our Education Welfare Officer (EWO). Chris will be supporting with attendance and punctuality across the school. Her role includes:

- Tracking and monitoring attendance

- Carrying out home visits when children are absent after three days
- Keeping parents informed of their child's attendance
- Arranging meetings with parents to provide support where attendance or punctuality is of concern

We know that good attendance is crucial for children's learning and wellbeing, and Miss Porter will be working positively with families to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

We're looking forward to a wonderful final fortnight of term filled with festive cheer!