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Dear parents

School photographs

In order to benefit from free delivery to school, please send your orders in to school by **Thursday 19 November**, as the courier will call the next day. The photos will be delivered before the end of term.

Making bridges

Class 2 have already had an introductory session with Neil Cruickshank to prepare them for designing and making bridges in their Design and Technology lessons. If there are any parents who could come in and 'lead' a team of 4 or 5 pupils, it would be much appreciated, as it will allow the children to get the full benefit of the sessions. The next sessions are on **Friday 27 November** and **Friday 4 December** at 1 pm; please let school know if you could come in on those days. We will need 3 adults each time.

Friends 100 club

There were 37 numbers in the November draw:

First Prize: £9.25	Sarah Harrison	Number 4
Second Prize: £5.55	Philip Winder	Number 10
Third Prize: £3.70	Sarah Harrison	Number 29

If you would like to purchase a number, forms are available from the Crosby and Maulds Meaburn bus shelters, the front desk at school or can be downloaded from the school website. It is only £9 for the remaining 9 draws and the next draw is on **Thursday 10 December**.

Note for parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils

Children have been receiving weekly recorder lessons since October. It is now time to request a voluntary contribution of £5 for the second half of the Autumn term. If you are happy to make this contribution, please send in either cash or a cheque made payable to Cumbria County Council (or add onto your dinner money if this is easier). Receipts will be issued as usual.

Christmas preparations

I would like to thank you for taking time to practise the words to "Baboushka" with your children. They will be placed on the school website today so that you can easily access them from home.

Christingle

Stewart is planning a school Christingle service at St Lawrence's Church at 1 pm on **Thursday 17 December**. We would like to invite all parents and other family members to join us for this special service.

Each child is bringing home a small container in which it is hoped you will be able to place any small change you can collect. These proceeds will be blessed during the service and sent on to support the work of the Children's Society.

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Phil's last Christmas service

We have been hatching plans to make Phil Dew's last Christmas service at Kings Meaburn Chapel one to remember. Linda Bainbridge has re-arranged a well known Christmas tune and written some new words for the congregation to sing. Please join us for the service if you can – but don't say anything to Phil, so that it will be a surprise for him. There will also be some hand bell ringing courtesy of Mr Ayre, and some ex-pupils might be helping too. We hope to see you on **Sunday 13 December** (start time to be confirmed)!

Dates for your diary

Mon 16 Nov – Operation Christmas Child boxes will be collected from school sometime this week

Wed 18 Nov – Friends of the School AGM, 7 pm, venue to be confirmed

Mon 23 Nov – KS2 trip to Tullie House and Carlisle Castle (letter enclosed)

NEW! Sun 6 Dec – Christmas Coffee Morning for nursery funds, CRVH 10-12

Wed 9 Dec – Nativity play at CRVH, early evening

Fri 11 Dec – carol singing at Tebay Services, pm

Sun 13 Dec – joint service at Kings Meaburn Chapel with Phil Dew

Wed 16 Dec – school Christmas dinner

Wed 16 Dec – Christmas carols in church, 6 pm

Thur 17 Dec – Christingle service in church, 1 pm

Thur 17 Dec – last day of term

Tues 5 Jan – return to school for Spring term 2016

Wed 13 Jan – whole school visit to the Theatre By The Lake (letter enclosed)

Wed 24 to Fri 26 Feb – Y5 and Y6 residential at Hawse End, Keswick

Yours sincerely;

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Priestley', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Priestley