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Dear parents

### Helping others

We handed over 18 boxes to Operation Christmas Child yesterday, a sterling effort by our families; thank you very much. Also, I can confirm that the fun last Friday raised **£157.65** for Children In Need!

### Visit to Tullie House and Carlisle Castle

Following the Friends meeting on Wednesday, it was agreed that the cost of the bus to Carlisle would be paid from their funds. All parents who have already sent in a donation towards this will have it carried forward as a credit on their next dinner bill, and refunds will be issued to parents whose children usually have a packed lunch. I hope this arrangement is acceptable to you all.

### Roof leaks

Thank you for bearing with us in school while we are experiencing problems with a leaking roof. You may be reassured to know that repair work should not cost the school any extra, as it is covered under the terms of the guarantee. Unfortunately, work can't commence until the contractors identify a spell of dry weather, so we will be watching the forecasts closely.

### Upcoming events for children in Class 1

On **Friday 4 December**, Mrs Corrie is holding an "Aliens Love Underpants" day – there will be a special lunch cooked by Freda, and children are invited to wear their pants over their trousers, as well as dressing up in any alien accessories they may have at home (if they would like to!).

On **Friday 11 December**, children from Class 1 and the Lyvennet Nursery will be getting together for a morning of Christmas crafts. If you are able to help out, the fun will start shortly after 9 am and finish at about 11.30 am. Many hands will make light work of clearing up all the glitter and glue.

### Staffing of school office

Lisa will be taking time off in lieu on **Thursday 26 November**, so please bear this in mind if you need to contact the school.

### Book club orders

Our apologies for omitting to add the deadline for orders from the Scholastic Book Club leaflet sent home recently. Orders should be placed online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/crosbyravensworth> - or the traditional way - by first thing on **Monday 30 November**. The books will then be ordered online and hopefully arrive by the end of the week. If you are ordering presents, just let Lisa know and the books will be kept in school until you can collect them.

### Special lunch

On **Monday 30 November**, Freda is making a St Andrew's Day meal of:



Lamb burger  
Neeps and tatties  
Cheesy leeks  
followed by home-made shortbread biscuits



## Reminders

- Return your permission slip and donation for the trip to "The Snow Queen" in January if you haven't done so already – ticket numbers need to be confirmed with the theatre by the end of November.
- If you can help us with a real Christmas tree for next week's tree festival, please get in touch. The children have been very busy making decorations already.
- The start times for the nativity performance and Phil Dew's Christmas service have been added to the dates section. We really hope you can all make a special effort for Phil's last Christmas with us!

## A note from Lyvennet Nursery

"The Trustees have just bought all-in-one play suits for the nursery children, so they can play outside whatever the weather. Just in case anyone forgets their wellies, we would appreciate any donations of spare or outgrown wellies in sizes 6-10, as a back up plan. Please bring these into school or give them to any committee member.



The children in Class 1 have produced some lovely Christmas pictures which we are going to make into Christmas cards to sell. They will be in packs of 6 including envelopes, at a cost of £2.00 per pack. Each pack can be either your own child's work or a mixture of all the children's work. Lin and Janet are now taking orders, so please let them know if you would like some; again, a note or phone call to the school office or email to [nursery@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk) will suffice. Any cheques should be made payable to Lyvennet Nursery Group. Thank you for all your support."

## A note from Carolyn Fyfe ...

"This Sunday at 11am is another opportunity to come to Crosby Church for a service of Holy Communion with Sunday School. We'd love to see you there!"

## ... and a note from Stewart Fyfe

"There will be a half hour Silent Vigil for Paris in Morland Church on Friday night from 9.10-9.40pm to mark the time of the Paris attacks. It's for anyone who wants to come along. People are welcome to call in to the church for as much of the half hour as they can make. There will be an opportunity to light a candle, but otherwise no formality - just being together silently. Anyone who'd like to come along would be very welcome."

## Dates for your diary

Mon 23 Nov – KS2 trip to Tullie House and Carlisle Castle  
Sun 6 Dec – Christmas Coffee Morning for nursery funds, CRVH 10-12  
Wed 9 Dec – Nativity play at CRVH, 5.30 pm  
Fri 11 Dec – carol singing at Tebay Services, pm  
Sun 13 Dec – joint service at Kings Meaburn Chapel with Phil Dew at 10.30 am  
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 – school finishes at 2 pm  
Tues 5 Jan – return to school for Spring term 2016  
Wed 13 Jan – whole school visit to the Theatre By The Lake  
Wed 24 to Fri 26 Feb – Y5 and Y6 residential at Hawse End, Keswick

Yours sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Priestley".

Mr D Priestley