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Dear parents

A note from Lyvennet Nursery Group



"The committee hope to see you at their Christmas Coffee Morning, on **Sunday 6 December**. The doors of the village hall open at **10 am**, and there will be stalls, a Christmas raffle, crafts for children, plus delicious refreshments – all on your doorstep. Any donations of baking and / or raffle prizes gratefully received in school. Please see posters for more details."



Just a reminder that the performance starts at **5.30 pm** at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall. Parents bringing their children to perform should arrive at 5 pm and the doors will be opened to the general public at 5.15 pm. We are all looking forward to a lovely evening of singing, music and fun. The Friends hope that you will join the Bring and Share Supper after the performance. Any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received; please bring them into school next week. Although there will be no entrance fee, a donations bucket will be held for contributions to school funds.

Carol singing

The children in school have been invited to sing carols at Northbound Westmorland Motorway Services on **Friday 11 December** at lunchtime. A bucket collection will be taken from visitors to the services as they enter. Last year this was a very good fundraiser, so please help us to make it even better this year.

Children will have their school lunches at the slightly earlier time of 11:45 am to allow us to leave at 12.15pm. If any parents would like to join us, we will be singing for around an hour from approximately 12.40. Children will be allowed to wear any festive hats that may be at home. Please complete and return the slip below **ON MONDAY IF POSSIBLE** to give permission for your child(ren) to attend.

We will need plenty of volunteer drivers to take all 27 children along, so please let school know if you are able to help in this way. Parents will need to have completed the Occasional Business Use Motor Insurance form; if you have not driven for school before you will need to bring your driving licence into school and complete the form first. This will then cover you to transport pupils under the terms of the school's Occasional Business Use policy. If you would like more information about the policy, Lisa can print this out for you; please ask at the office.

IMPORTANT - Children who still require a booster seat for car travel should bring this to school with them on the day.

School disco

Don't forget to let school (and the minibus driver, if necessary) know if your child will be going to the Friends' disco at the end of the day. Otherwise, children will leave school as per the usual home time arrangements.





Update on the teaching assistant vacancy

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Teaching Assistant to start work in January. Miss Katie Taylor brings with her a great deal of experience in the role and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Our collection box contained £42.15 this year; thank you to all of you who made a donation.

School photographs

Those who ordered prints should have received them by today.

School dinners

Freda has created some new menus for the Spring term; details can be found overleaf and will be posted on the school website. On the first day of term, Freda will start with Week 1, but miss out the roast gammon as there are only four days that week.

Last day of term

Just a reminder that we will finish at 2 pm on **Thursday 17 December**, and this is when the minibuses will be coming to collect children. If you will be coming to the Christingle service, you may take your child home from the church, providing that you inform a member of staff. Otherwise, we will walk back to school before sending children home as usual.

Dates for your diary

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 – Christmas craft morning for Class 1 and Lyvennet Nursery

Fri 11 Dec – carol singing at Tebay Services over lunchtime, followed by school disco at MMVI (3.30 pm start time).

Sun 13 Dec - joint service at Kings Meaburn Chapel with Phil Dew at 10.30 am

Wed 16 Dec - school Christmas dinner, and Christingle making with David Jones

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;

Mr D Priestley

℅..... CAROL SINGING AT THE SERVICES

I give permission for my child(ren)..... to take part in the carol singing on Friday 11 December 2015, as described in the letter above.

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I am available to transport (number) pupils to and from the event.

