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Dear Parents and Carers

We are sending out a separate letter today with the fantastic news about our recent SIAMs inspection. We are **outstanding!** A huge thank you to all our brilliant children, staff, governors and parents who contributed to making this such a great result.

❄️ Christmas Fair, Friday 2 December 4.00-6.00 pm ❄️

The Christmas Fair is today! Don't miss your chance to pick up early Christmas gifts, including ones that the children have made in class, and of course to visit Santa's Grotto. Many of the games stalls will be run by the children themselves and delicious refreshments will be served. The ever-popular Friends craft stall will be there, plus face painting, tombola, raffle and lots more. This year for the first time Christmas trees will be available to order. Don't miss it!

Sunflowers class staff changes

We sent a letter out to Sunflowers class parents earlier this week. Miss Hickin will be leaving at the end of this term. She has decided to have a career change and we wish her all the very best for the future. In her short time with us she has made a great contribution to the life of the school and the children she has taught.

We have been fortunate to recruit an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher, Miss Naomi Paul. Miss Paul has recently relocated back to this area and will officially start in Sunflowers class from January. She will, however, be spending time in the class in this term to ensure a smooth transition.

Christmas dinner - Thursday 15 December

The cook needs numbers for this meal well in advance and this year's menu is given below. This year, to make things simpler, we are going to put all Reception and Key Stage 1 children in for a Christmas dinner. If on the day your child would rather bring a packed lunch, that's fine.

For Key Stage 2 children, the Christmas dinner is the normal price of £2.25.

We are going to assume that all the children will have the dinner unless we hear otherwise from you. So you need to opt out of the dinner by contacting the office rather than opting in as in previous years. **So far the office have had only two opt outs - please let us know by Tuesday 6 December if your child does not want the Christmas Dinner.** Please also let the office know if your child wants the vegetarian option. The meal needs to be paid for, ideally via Parentpay, by 15th December.

Little Blue Star - Thursday 8th December

Thank you for your ticket orders for the nativity performances. The tickets are going home with the children today. Both performances are entry by ticket only. Please do not bring children under secondary school age to the evening performance - younger siblings are welcome at the morning performance. All Key Stage 2 children will have seen the Nativity on the morning of Tuesday 6th, as will Preschool children, and we understand that DX Club are opening specially for anyone that needs childcare for their school-aged children. If you or your relatives require special seating arrangements for either performance, please could you let the school know in advance so that we can organise this. Parking will be available on the Key Stage 2 playground for the performances.

County English Challenge finals

A group of our Year 6 children - Tristan, Jenny, Isaac and Sergio - have made it through to the finals of the county English challenge. Well done - we wish you all the best for the competition on Monday.

Choir at Advent Fair

Our fantastic choir led by Mr Lloyd will be opening the Duxford Advent Fair on Saturday 3rd December at St John's Church. Good luck choir!

Car parking outside school

I'm afraid I have once again to remind parents to park considerately outside school. We have parents and visitors who need to be able to access the school using mobility aids and paths into school have been seen blocked by cars this week. On no account should anyone park, for however short a time, on the opposite side to the school next to the raised crossing point. Children cannot be seen crossing when a car blocks the view and it's so dangerous.

After-school clubs

Mrs Wratten has asked us to let everyone know that parents are invited to watch the final Stage Dance club session of the year, Monday 12 December, 3.30-4.30 pm. The last dates for the other clubs this term are as follows:

Gym - now finished

Mandarin Club - Monday 12 December

Multisports - Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December

Mad Science - Friday 16th December

Uniform Policy

The governors have reviewed the uniform policy and this is on the website for clarification. The policy does not have new details but gathers together all the information from various school documents so that the particulars are in one policy.

Our chart-topping song!

'As Time Flies By', which was written and performed by our Year 6 class, is currently topping the Sing for Your School charts! The chart is now to remain open over Christmas with the finalists announced on 11 January. Please keep

listening because the more times our song is listened to, the higher up the chart it moves! Let's aim for a Christmas no. 1. The links are:

<http://songwriteronline.co.uk/sing-for-your-school/chart-with-filters>

<https://t.co/cXqXYIXOBP>

Yours sincerely

Debbie Gould

Headteacher

DX Holiday Club - Christmas holidays

The DX Club will be running a holiday club at Hinxton Village Hall on the following days during the Christmas holidays: 21st, 22nd and 23rd December; 3rd and 4th January. Sibling discounts and half day options available. For further details please contact Lisa on thedxclub@hotmail.co.uk.

Lunches for week beginning 5 December 2016

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Pork grill in bun	Quorn grill	Jacket potato with beans
Tuesday	Leek & ham pasta bake	Bean & vegetable bake	Tuna & cucumber roll
Wednesday	Minced beef pie	Falafels	Ham salad baguette
Thursday	Roast chicken	Quorn fillet	Cheese salad wrap
Friday	Salmon bites	Vegetable enchilada	Jacket potato with cheese

Christmas Dinner menu - Thursday 15 December

Roast turkey, sausage, stuffing & gravy

Or Quorn fillet and quorn sausage

Roast potatoes, peas, carrots, brussels sprouts

Festive dessert

Diary Dates

Friday 2 December. 4.00-6.00 pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday 8 December, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm	Reception/KS1 nativity performances
Monday 19 December am	Whole school to church for Carol Service
Tuesday 20 December	Autumn term closes. Carols in school 2.00 pm. Refreshments afterwards kindly provided by Preschool
Wednesday 4 January 2017	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 5 January	School reopens for spring term
Monday 13 to Friday 17 February	Half-term
Friday 31 March	Spring term closes
Tuesday 18 April	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 19 April	School reopens for summer term
Monday 1 May	May Day - school closed
Monday 8 to Thursday 11 May	SATs week for Year 6
Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May	Year 5 to Eaton Vale
Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 May	Year 6 to Manor Adventure
Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June	Half-term
Monday 6 June	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Friday 21 July	Summer term ends

New entries to the diary are in bold.