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Monday 2nd November

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Autumn Term Enrichment Update

We have had an incredibly busy start to our year and the children have fully immersed themselves into their learning. With plenty more enrichment opportunities planned in the second half of the autumn term, we wanted to send you an update on what is coming up.

Open Afternoon – Monday 7th December

To celebrate all learning from this term, we are inviting parents to see the work that the children have produced. Please meet outside the front of reception at your allotted time and a member of the year five team will walk you to your child's class.

13:45 - 14:15: 5LH, 5RW and 5CT
14:15 - 14:45: 5HP, 5RM and 5CF

Jedi Graduation – Thursday 10th December

To celebrate the end of our science topic, 'May the force be with you', the children will have their Jedi graduation on the above date. Throughout the day, they will complete Star Wars linked activities and will take part in their Jedi graduation, where they will receive their Jedi certificate and full-sized lightsabre! **They will need to come into school dressed in their Jedi or Star Wars inspired costumes.**

Christingle Service – Friday 4th December

We are once again delighted to be holding our Christingle services at Offington Park Methodist Church this year. The services will take place at these times for the following classes:

11:00 - 11:45 - 5HP, 5CF and 5RW
13:30 - 14:15 - 5RM, 5CT and 5LH

As well as the traditional lighting of their Christingles (which will be made in school before the service), our year 5 pupils will also be giving readings and singing carols. We will walk the children to the church for each service, which should last for approximately 45 minutes, and then walk them back to school following the service. If you are able to help with assisting your child's class, please let their class teacher know via email.

The children will be making a Christingle (comprising all the traditional elements) in their RE lesson before the service. The school will provide all of these elements **except for the orange.**

Please ensure that your child comes to school with an orange on **Thursday 3rd December** to be able to participate.

We understand that some children have religious reasons why they do not participate in Christmas activities. If you have not already, please make this known to your child's class teacher in order that we are able to make appropriate arrangements for them.

Due to the adjustment in the timings compared to the normal school day, please provide your children with a packed lunch for this day. The children will then eat in class either before they depart or on their return.

If your child is entitled to Free School meals, please can you complete the Google Form below to confirm if you require a packed lunch to be provided or if you will be supplying a packed lunch from home. Please note that this must be completed by Friday 13th November.

Free School Meal Packed Lunch Form

As seating is limited, we will allocate a maximum of 2 guest tickets per pupil. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Tickets can be obtained by logging into your account on Parentmail (https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk) or by using the free Parentmail App. Click on the 'Accounts and Products' option, then **Year 5 Christingle**. Please then follow the 'payment/consent process'. There will be no charge for these tickets. Please ensure you book your tickets by **12pm on Wednesday 2nd December** so that we can confirm numbers attending with the church.

There will be a retiring collection at the end of each service. Any donations received will be shared between the church and charity. Please note that only cash can be accepted on the day. Donations can also be made by Parentmail, by clicking on the 'Payment' option **Year 5 Christingle Donation** and entering the amount that you wish to donate.

Swimming

As a reminder, please see the information regarding swimming sessions sent out previously.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. H Potter
Year 5 Year Leader