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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Christmas at Farlingaye

I thought it might be helpful for everyone to see what is happening over the next few weeks in our build-up to Christmas and to also outline what help and support we need for some of these forthcoming events.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Parental Information & Assistance</u>
School Christmas Concert	Thursday 8th December at 6.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The School Christmas Concert will be held in the New Hall at School at 6.30pm on Thursday 8th December. A letter will be issued directly from the Music Department with regards to cost and purchase of tickets for this event. There will be refreshments available in the evening too, run by our Charity Committee.
Senior Citizens Concert	Friday 9th December 1.30pm – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday 9th December at 1.30pm, we will have our concert for local senior citizens. We fully recognise that families are having to limit expenses connected to Christmas, but if anyone is able to donate a small box of chocolates, a packet of biscuits, or some toiletries to give as a gift to those attending the concert we would be very grateful. Please send any gift items to Reception as soon as possible, by Friday 2nd December if possible please. Many thanks for your help with this. As this event is mainly catered for the community care homes, there have been some extra spaces available for elderly relatives or neighbours, but these spaces have now all been allocated.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Parental Information & Assistance</u>
<p>Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>and</p> <p>Christmas Hamper Day</p>	<p>Monday 12th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone can wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper on this day – but otherwise it is normal school uniform. Wearing a Christmas Jumper is optional and you don't need to go out to purchase one (you can improvise with your own designs). • Please can each student bring in an item for their form hamper. The idea is to bring in one good quality item so that everyone can wear non-uniform on the last day of term before Christmas. Items to be quality goods suitable for the elderly, children, or those in need. • There are awards for the best hampers and we usually get wonderful designs and they look fantastic.
<p>School Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church</p>	<p>Monday 12th December at 6pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our traditional Christmas Concert will be held at St Mary's Church in Woodbridge. You are warmly invited to attend this lovely festive event. Details for this event will be forthcoming in the letter from the Music Department.
<p>Christmas Pantomime For Years 7, 8 and 9</p>	<p>Thursday 15th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the afternoon on this day, the lower school (years 7, 8 and 9) will watch the Staff Pantomime in the afternoon. • Years 10, 11 and 13 will be registered at 1.05pm and dismissed at 1.10pm, but may stay to have lunch if they would like to. (Year 12 will be out on a school university visit). • Those who cannot go home are welcome to stay in school to study for the afternoon. • Please note school and service buses will run as normal. • Students can go to friends' houses (with parental permission) and then return to school to catch a school bus if they need to. • If you are collecting your child at 1.15pm, please go to the <u>Bus Park</u> to collect them. • Please also be aware that it is inevitable that this collection point will be a little chaotic. Please don't arrive before 1.15pm as that then causes the queues when students aren't there to meet the people in their parked cars! • Students MUST NOT be wandering around Woodbridge unsupervised. Staff will be patrolling to ensure this doesn't happen.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Parental Information & Assistance</u>
<p>Christmas Pantomime For Years 10, 11, 12 & 13</p>	<p>Friday 16th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a non-uniform day for all students (no charge). • In the afternoon, Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will watch the Staff Pantomime. • Years 7, 8 and 9 will be registered and then dismissed at 1.10pm. Those who cannot get home are welcome to stay in school until 3.45pm. • Students can go to friends' houses (with parental permission) and then come back to catch a bus if they need to. If you are collecting your child at 1.15pm, please go to the Bus Park to collect them – please see the comments above (for the previous day) about the pick-up arrangements and our requirements for supervision of students in Woodbridge. • Please note school and service buses will run as normal.

IMPORTANT : Please complete and return the attached form to your child's form tutor, so that we know exactly what arrangements are planned for each student – ideally by Monday 5th December. Students in Sixth Form do not need to complete a reply slip.

I hope this all makes sense, but please don't hesitate to contact your child's Year Co-ordinator, or myself, if you have any queries.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2023.



Dr Andy Sievewright
Headteacher



Christmas at Farlingaye Reply Slip

Please return to your Form Tutor asap – thank you

(by Monday 5th December 2022 latest).

Years 10 and 11

Name of Student Tutor Group

My child will be taking the following option on **Thursday, 15th December 2022**:

- leaving school at 1.15 pm and going straight home.
- leaving school at 1.15 pm and going to the home of a relative or friend
(name.....).
- She/he will not return to school to catch the buses at 3.45 pm.
- She/he will return to school to catch the buses at 3.45 pm.
- staying in school until 3.45 pm (supervised work will be provided for any students who stay).

Signed (Parent/Carer)



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Years 7, 8 and 9

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Signed (Parent/Carer)