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Good afternoon families,

What a great week in school! We have had two Key Stage One Nativity performances, and Early Years concert and a Christingle at St Thomas' Church. There is one more week to go though and attendance is crucial. Important dates can be found in the yellow box.

As we near the Christmas break, I wanted to make you aware of events and offers going on locally. **Golf Stars** are running a free holiday camp for children who are entitled to free school meals over the holidays. This will be at Whitby High School. The information is attached.

The Winter Mini Challenge & Library Events The 2022 Winter Mini Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with Science Museum Group, is on! The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 saw thousands of children reading and exploring science and innovation as part of this year's Gadgeteers theme. Now that it's getting chilly and the winter holidays are approaching, it is back with even more fun experiments and reading encouragement. Children can join the **Gadgeteers** as they use their ingenuity and creativity to keep everyone entertained during a snowstorm. Get ready for cool do-it-at-home experiments and learn along the way as you read for pleasure with the Winter Mini Challenge! The Challenge runs from 1 December 2022 to 20 February 2023. More information on the Challenge and how to get involved can be found at wintermini.org.uk of course, that's not all the Libraries are doing for Christmas. There's a lot of events for children too, most of which can be checked out via Library events | Cheshire West and Chester Council and, obviously, all by visiting the library itself. Joining the library is easy - a parent or carer just needs to give permission, there's no ID requirement and no late fees for the Under 13s and even if children can't come in then they can read, and listen, hundreds of specially chosen titles via the Borrowbox app.

Kids Inclusive Multi-Sports Day—EPSV are offering a free day on Wednesday 28th December 2022 for SEN children and those needing support getting active up to age 17. There is a pool session 10:30 - 11:30 am followed by Multi Sports in the hall 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided for the children from 12:00 - 12:30 pm. All equipment is provided and you can book at Reception today.

Theatre Porto are offering warm spaces and holiday activities during the Christmas break. Please follow this link for further information https://sway.office.com/OE0hb4fd5JMu6cL9?ref=Link



Forthcoming dates for your diary:

Breakfast club is open daily from 8:00am priced at 50p per day

14th December

Christmas dinner day. Wear a Christmas jumper. For non-free school meals children, please pay via ParentPay

15th December

Years 3 & 4 to Star of Wonder performance at Theatre Porto

3.30-4.30pm Whole school disco (children may come to school wearing their own clothes on this day)

16th December

School closes for Christmas at 3:15pm

Our PTA are selling **Christmas calendars** with a picture of your child on. These are priced at £1 each and will be sent home on Friday.

The school **disco** is charged at £1 per child. Please ensure that this is paid for by Wednesday morning.

Any children who are not attending the school disco should be collected from their classroom door at 3:15pm

Parents collecting from the disco at 4:30pm should go to the following doors at the front of the building:

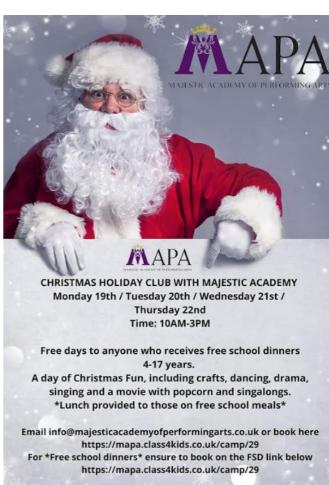
EYFS & KS1 children—Year 5 door

KS2 children—Year 6 door

There will be no clubs on next week.

Tutoring on Wednesday after school
will be on.









Ellesmere Port Parish Christmas Craft **Party Day**



Wednesday 21st December 2022 2pm-5pm

St. Thomas & All Saints Church



Lots of lovely Christmas craft activities for all the family to enjoy. Come and see what you can make, with some fantastic things to take home ready to decorate your home ready for the big day! Including working with special guest artist Charmaine Maw.

> Plus join us for a Christmas party tea lots of yummy food and a few Christmas party songs too.



To book a place please contact: Rev. Gill Foster on Revgill52@gmail.com or

07850 122092 By Saturday 17th December



We can't wait to see you all!