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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have almost made it to the end of what has been a very long term. Next weeks newsletter will celebrate all the incredible successes of the term whereas this letter is more logistics and organisation for the final week and into the new year.

## Wednesday 18th - Christmas Meal Day

On Wednesday, our catering team are providing our annual Christmas meal for those children who have signed up. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper with their usual school uniform as part of this day. We will hold a voluntary collection of £1 with all money being added to our fundraising pot for Mangbondo Primary School in South Sudan.

## Thursday 19th - Christmas Nativity at Hinton Martell

Foxes class have been busy rehearsing their nativity and are looking forward to performing to the school and the wider parent community. All parents are warmly invited to come and delight in our performance, but we will give priority seats to Reception parents on this occasion to ensure they can see. Parking at Hinton Martell is very limited and we ask you be respectful of the local community when parking near the church. An area will be coned to allow the coach to successfully move through the village for the required shuttle runs.

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party Day

Our final day is Christmas Party Day and the teachers have been planning a fun filled day to say a hearty well-done. Children are invited to come into school wearing their party outfits ready for games, craft and special activities throughout the day.

## **Spring Term Clubs**

It has been wonderful to see so many children engaging in our enhanced club offering this term. Over 82% of children have taken part in either a lunchtime or after-school club with the average child attending at least 3 clubs this term. Clubs offer a fantastic opportunity to try a new skill, make new friends and foster an increased sense of belonging to a wider community.

Next term, our club offer continues. There is also now an opportunity for reception to attend a lunchtime club with further opportunities to follow in the Summer term. We have 84 free places for lunchtime clubs and over 70 for after-school which is an incredible offering for a school our size. All the details regarding clubs can be found on the Spring One Clubs list.



Booking for free lunchtime clubs opens on the 16<sup>th</sup> December at 18:00. Spaces are allocated on a first come basis, but we will work to ensure all children are able to attend a club. Wimborne Tennis booking is live now and can be accessed via the Spring One Clubs List.



Spring One Clubs List

With the exception of Tennis which begins on Friday  $10^{th}$  January, all clubs will begin in the second week back, commencing the  $13^{th}$  January.

And finally, whilst our after-school clubs are great fun, we are still looking to maintain high standards of behaviour. There have been a number of times where the behaviour of a few has undermined the enjoyment of the group. We will discuss any concerns with you but reserve the right to remove an individual from a club.

Kind regards,

Mr Lawford