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Dear Parent/Carer

We are rapidly approaching arguably the busiest point in the school calendar – Christmas. As we move further into December, teachers and children alike are beginning to turn their attention toward preparing for the festive season here at school and we are all beginning to sense the pace of school life quicken with each passing day. It is against this busy backdrop that I write to you in order to clarify the details for the events we have organised for the final weeks of 2010 here at St John's.

Selection and appointment of our new School Receptionist

Following short listing I can confirm that the panel responsible for the selection of our new School Receptionist will reconvene to oversee the interview process on Thursday 9th December 2010. I shall write to parent/carers with information regarding any potential appointment in the week commencing Monday 13th December. This will be my final newsletter of 2010.

Charity Update

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to extend my thanks for your support of our many charity collections and events held during Terms 1 and 2 of this academic year. Your generosity is very much appreciated, especially given the current economic climate. Below is a synopsis of the support we have provided to charities:

Harvest Collection	£100.69
Children in Need Fair (organised by Year 6)	£312.70

The Genesis Trust received donations of food from our Harvest Service.

In addition, the children prepared **60 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child**. Thank-you for your support.

The Tex-Recycling event also raised over £200. This money will be used by our School Association (or 'PTA') to further improve the quality of provision for our children. As you know, our School Association was recently involved in the planning for and the financing of our new Junior play area.

The Chair of the School Association, Mrs Lucas, will write to you in the new year with details of the next project in which they will participate and fund.

Your support of the School Association's fund raising events is very much appreciated. Thank-you.

Gardening Club

Our new Gardening Club has been a real success and the gardening team is already looking to prepare the ground for another season. Mrs Simmonds (Eco-School Lead Teacher) is asking for old wellingtons (sizes 1-4) to be donated to school. Also, any seeds, seed potatoes and short handled gardening forks/trowels etc. Thank you.

The school has also taken receipt of two fruit trees having been donated by Whitehall Garden Centre at a special event recently. Details of the event will be uploaded onto our school website in due course.

Latest 'School Profile' available online

Schools are required to submit a 'School Profile' each academic year. The purpose of the School Profile is to provide of synopsis of the schools achievements in the previous academic year (in this case, those of 2009-10). The School Profile also provides insights into the future work of the school. Following the long awaited national publication of school performance data relating to the previous academic year the latest version of the School Profile is now complete and was published today. The profile also includes useful links to our Ofsted inspection report, our school performance tables and our current school website. St John's School Profile can be found at www.schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk and then by typing in the schools details. I trust that you will find the School Profile informative.

Year 3 Bible Presentations

My thanks to those parents (and grandparents) that attended our recent Bible presentation service. The children were thrilled to receive their Bibles and I hope that they will prove to be a poignant reminder of many fond memories of each child's time at St John's for many years to come.

A Family Service for Christmas

We will be holding a Christmas 'Christingle Service' for our families at St John's Church on **Thursday 16th December at 10.00am**. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and walking to the church.

The service will be run by the clergy and will involve traditional Christmas celebration items, including readings, Christmas carols and of course, the lighting of Christingle candles. This is the fourth time that we have held a special service for the children and families of our school and we hope that you, and perhaps the children's grandparents, will be able to attend our service and make it a real family occasion. Last year's Christingle Service was very special indeed and I very much hope that this year's service will be just as successful.

I would be very grateful to any parents, or perhaps grandparents, who would be able to help walk our children to the church and to supervise the lighting of children's Christingle candles, an important part of the service. If you are able to help, or if a grandparent is able to help, please leave your/their name with Mrs Matthews in the school office. Thank-you.

Yours sincerely

M Cottrell

Headteacher

St John's Church of England Primary School

Key Dates and Reminders:

The following are key dates for your diaries for Terms 2 and 3. Parents will receive letters giving details of specific trips and events for your child's class in due course.

NOVEMBER	TERM 2
DECEMBER	TERM 2
Wednesday 8 th	School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14th	Infant Nativity (2.15pm - parents welcome)
Wednesday 15th	Junior Carol Concert (2.00pm and 7.00pm - parents welcome)
Thursday 16 th	Christingle Service (10am at St John's Church - all welcome) (PM) Junior Christmas cinema/theatre visit (awaiting venue booking confirmation and Christmas schedules - more details to follow) (PM) Infant Christmas Party (more details to follow)
Friday 17 th	School closes at 3.15pm (end of Term 2)
JANUARY 2011	TERM 3
Tuesday 4 th	School reopens for Term 3 (08:50am prompt)

INSET Days 2010-11

The following dates are the remaining programme of INSET school closure for the academic year 2010-11. The dates are;

- Friday 18th February 2011
- Monday 28th February 2011
- Friday 27th May 2011

Dates for Academic Year 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13

An electronic version can be found on the BANES council website.