Dear Parents & Governors,

**Farewell and Thank you!** After 34 loyal years, Mrs Weir is retiring! On behalf of the whole school community I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Weir for her dedication in teaching children through the years. Not a very well-known fact, but Mrs Weir was a classroom teacher before a short career break and returning as a woodwind music teacher. She has given children a love for music, and a life-long skill for them to enjoy, and enabled many to achieve various grade exams as well as being confident and competent enough to play in our school orchestra. I’m sure you’ll join me in wishing her the very best in her retirement.

**Christmas Lunch:** This year, Christmas lunch day will take place on **Wednesday 8th December**…The choices will be as follows (see attached menu for additional details):

* **A: Roast Turkey with all the trimmings**
* **B: Christmas Vegetable Wellington with all the trimmings**
* **Or bring your own sandwich**

Please complete the google form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/wVwVxkqosp5n9Lxq9> let us know your child’s lunch choices on this day. This form will need to be completed by **Wednesday 1st December** as we need to let our kitchen know the numbers! Children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers to school on this day.

**Christmas**! Looking ahead, and Covid-19 permitting, we are planning to return to our traditional Christmas Service at Trinity Church.**This will be on Wednesday 15th December at 2.00pm**. However, we still need to be cautious, and you need to be aware of the following control measures to help make this event as safe as possible:

* **If you are unwell – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND**
* **Reducing numbers** – unfortunately, with limited seating, we will only be able to accommodate **one family member per child** (apart from children in prams!). This will allow us to have a space between people in the congregation
* **Increased ventilation** – I have asked the church to keep the windows open, so wrap up warm!
* **Good hygiene** – there will be hand sanitising stations at the entrance to the church for you to use
* **Face masks** – we will be asking all watching the service to wear face masks (unless medically exempt) to wear a face mask throughout the service.

****Closer to the time we will be looking for parent helpers to help us walk safely to and from the church – here’s hoping we make it happen! Thank you in advance for your cooperation with the above measures.

**Defibrillator Update**: This has now arrived in school and will shortly be installed (most likely over the Christmas holidays) on the wall outside the school office by an electrician very soon!

**School Photographs:** You are now able to view, order and pay for your child’s photographs on the Tempest website: <https://tempest-orders.co.uk/>

**Flu Vaccination Forms**: These were sent home with every child on Thursday 25th November, please ensure

you complete and return the form to the office whether you would, or would not, like your child to receive the

Flu vaccination on the 16th December, by **Friday 3rd December**

**Contact Details and Medical Information:** If there have been any changes to contact details we hold on our system in relation to your child, i.e., your telephone number, e-mail address, etc, please ensure you let Miss Saunders in the office know, so we can make sure your child’s details are as up to date as possible. This also includes any changes in relation to medical information we hold for your child. If you are unsure of

The details we hold for your child, please check these with the school office.

**Before & After School Club** Please use the links to booking forms below (also on the school website). Any queries can be sent via:

* Email: beforeandafterschool@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk
* Telephone/Text: 07548 592989 (Note – this phone is only monitored during the hours the club is operating)

**Booking Forms**

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| ***Week beginning*** | ***Link to booking form*** |
| Monday 29th November | <https://forms.gle/NEqbs8YynARC24de9> |
| Monday 6th December | <https://forms.gle/55xkP122sDDJKQ8z5> |
| Monday 13th December | <https://forms.gle/yLyY2fcdyrpAkouB9> |
| **Christmas Holiday** | **No Wrap Around child care available** |

**Other News**:

**And there’s more!** – Look out for several other flyers and information about activities to get involved with and information to support families – I hope you find them useful!

* Wellbeing Weekly – See Flyer Attached for issue 22 from Imaginor for Schools

**Forthcoming Dates**

**Remember – all these dates are on our School Website and are updated regularly!**

* Wednesday 1st December Y5 & Y6 Last Swimming session today
* Thursday 2nd December Y1, Y2 & Y6 Pantomime Trip to Everyman Theatre am
* Friday 3rd December Y3, Y4 & Y5 Pantomime Trip to Everyman Theatre am
* Friday 3rd December Year 6 After School Sale
* **Monday 6th – Fri 10th Dec No After School Clubs this week (Apart from Monday Football)**
* Monday 6th December Y3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
* Monday 6th December Y5 First Aid Training
* Wednesday 8th December Rec & Y6 Height, Weight & Vision Checks
* Wednesday 8th December Christmas Lunch Day & Wear Christmas Jumper Menu attached
* Friday 10th December Christmas Fair 5.00pm -6.00pm
* Monday 13th December Rec & Y1 Trip to watch All Saints Nativity Play
* Monday 13th December Y2 Attending Multi-Skills Festival Wear PE kit to School
* Tuesday 14th December Christmas service rehearsal All at Trinity Church
* **Wednesday 15th December Christmas service at Trinity Church 2.00pm**
* Thursday 16th December Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccinations
* Thursday 16th December Y5 Landing Day
* **Friday 17th December End of Autumn Term 2**
* **Tuesday 4th January INSET Day – Teachers only in School**
* **Wednesday 5th January Start of Spring Term 1 – All children return to school today**

Yours sincerely

Duncan de Gruchy – Headteacher