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Dear Parent/Carer,

I don't think I can remember such a busy November but now it is beginning to become even more hectic with the prospect of December looming and all the festivities ahead!

**THANKS**

A huge thank you to all the very kind parents who made and gave gifts to the Nigerians when they came to school yesterday. They loved it here and wanted to stay! I am sadly saying goodbye to them today and I know they have fond memories of our school. We will hopefully maintain our link with our school, Gwagwarwa, and I am frantically trying to complete a reciprocal visit grant form now so that staff from our 2 schools can visit one another. Our link is meant to be an educational one and should be sustainable. There are many things to be learned from both schools and I hope that the children here will be enriched from such an experience. It was very good to see all the children interacting with the 3 delegates yesterday.

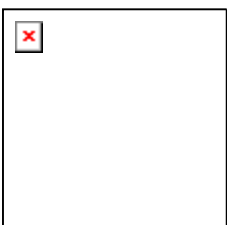
I would also like to say thank you for the Christmas boxes you have given. We have nearly 50 in total which is a fantastic contribution.

**BINGO 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

You will see there is an advert for this evening at the Social club attached to this letter. I do hope as many of you as possible can make it as Jenny Sylvester from the club has kindly said all the proceeds will be donated to the school. The only thing we have to do is turn up with a prize per family and then buy our books! Children are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

I know you are aware of this big event which the PTA are busy preparing for but in order to get a lovely hamper we are having a non-uniform day on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** in exchange for an edible gift for the hamper. Raffle tickets will also be going out. This year it will be 2 books per family and there will be prizes for the House which sells the most! I know there is over £200 worth of prizes this year so please sell as many books as you can. Thank you.



## **BOOK FAIR**

Don't forget that this is on in the hall every evening after school till next Tuesday. Monday evening will be the last chance to buy any books for your children or gifts for Christmas.

## **ANGELS**

I hope you are all thinking of your design for the angel competition or have started to make them. I think the hall will look beautiful with them all in place. Please don't forget to make sure there is something to hang them from onto our string which will be across the hall. Thank you.

## **MONDAY CLUB (Invasion games)**

I am afraid that due to lack of support I am having to cancel the Monday after school club as from now. We are running at a loss financially as well and it is with regret that I will have to say it cannot take place. If you owe the school any money please could you pay at the office. It is £2 a week. I think there has been some confusion over this, as one of the leaders said to the children that they didn't need to pay as he did not know the procedure, for which I apologise.

As this is a club issue I would like to point out to all of you that you are very lucky here at Templecombe as many schools now charge for **all** their clubs and they do not take place every night as staff do not give up their time to do any after school activities. I am reviewing our position at the moment but one thing I would like to say is that if your child joins a club they are expected every week not just when they feel like it as there are others who want to take part who couldn't due to numbers. Obviously if there is something important taking place and they give their apologies, that is entirely acceptable. I hope you agree that this is simply good manners and shows respect for the person taking the club.

## **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

Also with this newsletter there is information attached regarding the Christingle Service in Church on 11<sup>th</sup> December 5pm. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible there to support Peter and Ian.

## **CARYMORE COMPETITION**

Next week 4 children and Mrs. Laurie and myself will be going to Carymoor as we have been short listed for the "Dig it, Grow it, Eat it" competition so let's hope we do well. I know 2 of our photos have been released to the press this week so look in the paper for Daniel Watson and Georgia Savill.

I am sure there will be more news soon as we are building up to our hectic time of year! Thank you so far for all the support you have shown.

Yours sincerely,

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