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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all your support with the events in school this half term. This letter is just to let you know about a few extra highlights before we break up for the school holidays next Friday 16th December.



Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

This Friday 9th December, we look forward to wearing our Christmas jumpers and festive clothes to help raise money for Save the Children and to enjoy celebrating our Christmas Dinner Day. If you would like to make a donation, please go to Save the Children just giving page or send in your donations in a marked envelope via your child's class teacher. [Save the Children Just Giving Link](#)



Ding Dong Here Comes Christmas Song!

We are very excited to announce a charity Christmas single release by one of our children and his Dad, with backing singers from our school!

9 year old Daniel with his Dad, Dr Eidn Mahmoudzadeh, have recorded a charity Christmas single with support from Mr Cummings and members of our school choir. They had great fun recording it and we are really excited for people to hear it. If you want to contribute to some great charities our school is supporting this year, you can download it for 99p at the following links:

<https://music.apple.com/gb/album/ding-dong-here-comes-christmas-feat-beaver-road-primary/1656906476>

or www.amazon.co.uk/music/player/albums/B0BNL1WQ4Y

If you prefer Spotify etc you can find it here: <https://ditto.fm/ding-dong-here-comes-christmas>

Feel free to share far and wide! All proceeds will be going to children and young people's mental health charity 42nd Street <https://www.42ndstreet.org.uk/> and food bank charity The Trussell Trust <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

Let's hope we can brighten up the Christmas of some people a bit less fortunate than ourselves. ENJOY and let the Christmas festivities begin!



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Beaver Road Choir Events



We are so proud of our fabulous choirs who are performing at Manchester Cathedral for The Christie Christmas Concert and Parkfield Court next week. We also delighted that our Junior Choir will be involved in the Live Blue Peter Christmas Special again this year! This has become an exciting tradition, having taken part in this for the last six years. So please tune in to **CBBC on Friday, 16th December @ 5.00pm** to watch our children sing!



Pantomimes Thursday 8th December for Nursery and Reception and Tuesday 13th December for Years 1 – 6

The cost of attending a theatre show can be quite an unaffordable amount for a lot of families, so it is with great pleasure that we can announce the following experiences are taking place for our children in school, 'The Gingerbread Man' by People scape theatre for our Nursery and Reception children and 'Cinderella' by M&M theatrical productions for Year 1 to Year 6.

Although the PTA have kindly agreed to pay for these wonderful experiences, if you are able and willing, families are invited to pay a voluntary donation, on Parent Pay, to go towards the cost of hosting these events.

Mrs Byrne has sent a separate letter about the different productions with additional information about the performances. Please note, as explained in the letter, Year 3 children will need dropping at the Junior School on Tuesday 13th between 8.30-8.40am.



Christmas Parties – Wednesday 14th December

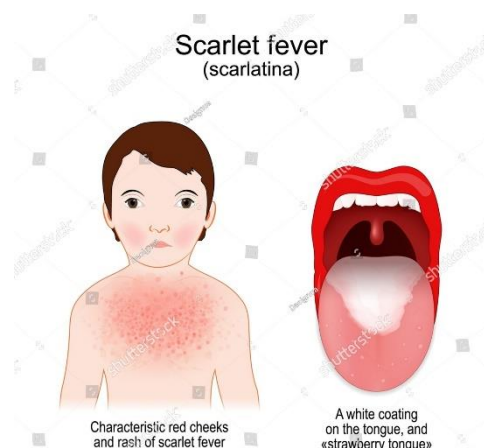
All children are invited to attend school in their party clothes on Wednesday 14th December. The teaching team will provide party food in the afternoon for the children. However, we are asking for donations towards this. Please make a donation of at least £1 to your class teacher by Monday 12th December. Thank you.

One of our parents, Sally, is raising money for The Christie Hospital by wearing sparkly clothes and glitter every day in December. To help raise money for this charity, which we support as a school, we are inviting all the children to wear some glitter and something sparkly for party day on Wednesday 14th December. This is also a non-uniform day. Please click the following link to give any donations you would like to support The Christie charity on this day or bring your donations in a marked envelope for Sally Sparkles. [Sally Sparkles Just Giving Link](#)

Scarlett Fever Awareness

Please see the information below from Manchester City Council to raise your awareness following an increase of cases of Scarlett Fever in our area and our school community.

Regionally and nationally, we continue to see high rates of scarlet fever, higher than would be expected for this time of year. The same pattern continues to be seen with cases of invasive group A streptococcus (iGAS) increasing, particularly in children under 10 years. iGAS is a far less common infection caused by the same bacteria as scarlet fever but can lead to more serious illness.



Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This

may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

- Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should **not attend** nursery / school / work until **24 hours** after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment for scarlet fever.
- Whilst scarlet fever is circulating it is especially important that any children and adults with chickenpox do stay off nursery or school until all their blisters have dried over, which is at least 5 days after they first appeared.

More information about scarlet fever can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

End of term and return to school in January 2023

Please do not forget that the children finish school at the end of the day next Friday 16th and will return on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas break and all the very best for the New Year. Thank you for the support you have given our school community throughout another challenging year for us all. The kindness, generosity and respect you have shown, which is also evidenced through your children's positivity and enthusiasm, is wonderful to see!



Best wishes,

Liz Hardy

Mrs Liz Hardy
Executive Headteacher



Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.