



22nd November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The next few weeks will be a very busy time for us at COA with the Christmas holidays fast approaching! There will be some changes to our normal routine so here are the important dates for your diary:

- **14TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 5-6PM**



We will be holding our Christmas lights gathering at COA on **Wednesday 14th December**. This is an opportunity for children, parents, extended family and friends to gather together and sing songs to celebrate this festive time of year.

We will be raising money for the school fund with a raffle and cake & hot chocolate stand.

You can help by providing cakes and biscuits for us to sell or by supporting our raffle.

RAFFLE PRIZES: If you have any prizes for the raffle please bring them in to the school office. There will also be a list of local businesses which are often willing to support our raffle. This list will be in the office so please sign up if you are able to help us by speaking to one of the businesses included. Your help is very much appreciated.

- **19TH DECEMBER: THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
12.45-3PM**

Our Christmas party for the children will be on the **afternoon** of Monday 19th December, **all children are invited to attend from 12.45-3pm**. There will be **no morning nursery or extended day services** on the day, to enable the staff to prepare for the party. The children will enjoy a special performance and we may be visited by a surprise guest in a red suit. When you **collect your child at 3pm** you will be able to visit our grotto with your child.

Parents will be invited to contribute food, crackers, paper plates etc. More details to follow shortly and a sign-up sheet will go up in the classroom.



- **21ST DECEMBER: LAST DAY OF TERM**

All children to attend in the morning. Part time children (AM & PM) to stay 8.45-11.45am. Full time children to attend 8.45-12.45pm

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- **4TH JANUARY 2017: FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM, WELCOME BACK!**

- **COMING UP IN THE SPRING TERM:**

After the Christmas festivities we will return for another half term of exciting learning. Science Week will give the children lots of opportunities to develop their questioning and prediction skills. Next year will be the Year of the Rooster and we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. During Health and Self-Care Fortnight we will be learning about how to look after ourselves and stay healthy, with lots of visitors and fun activities.



We hope you enjoy the last few weeks of term, December is always a very special and exciting time at COA.

Best Wishes from the COA Team