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Dear Parents/Carers,

It might still be November but the school is full of the joyful sound of young children singing Nativity songs at the moment. We are all looking forward to the first week in December when Wrens, Jays and Owls will be performing their special Christmas Nativity.

### Clubs

A reminder that all clubs will finish for the term on **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024**. A new clubs list will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

### Mr Johnston

After an incredible eight years at Barham, Mr Johnston has been offered an exciting promotion to become an Assistant Headteacher at Parkside Primary School in Canterbury. This is bittersweet news. Whilst we are thrilled for Mr Johnston, we are sad that he is leaving us.

He has been an integral part of our school community for the last few years. Over this time, he has been inspiring and motivating Year 6 pupils to achieve their best and preparing them for their move to secondary school. Mr Johnston has brought creativity, enthusiasm, and an amazing ability in encouraging the children to believe in themselves. This has had a lasting impact on all the pupils who have had the privilege of being in his class.

As some children and parents are already aware that Mr Johnston will be leaving us at the end of term, we wanted to let you all know the news. We will, of course, keep you updated on the arrangements for Year 6 for the remainder of the year.

### PTA News

The girls' football team would like to thank the PTA for their generous donation of a new football strip for their tournament on Tuesday. They were delighted that the PTA agreed to buy a new kit. Huge thanks to Ana Gilbert and the PTA, not forgetting Seb's (Jays) mum who has done the printing in record time. We are so fortunate to have such an active and supportive PTA.

### Barham Christmas Events

This time of year in Barham is busy with so many events and special occasions. To help you get prepared for the remainder of the term, here is a guide to what's on and what your child should wear/bring to school.



Date	Special Event	What to wear/bring
Friday Nov 29th	N/A	Non-school uniform day for PTA Christmas fair items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Wrens - <b>Something Red</b></li> <li>· Jays - <b>Something Blue</b></li> <li>· Owls - <b>Something Green</b></li> </ul> Years 3,4,5,6 Bottles
Tuesday Dec 3rd	KS1 Nativity 2:15 pm	School uniform*
Wednesday Dec 4th	KS1 Nativity 2:15 pm	School uniform*
Thursday Dec 5th	N/A	Refreshment Donations for Christmas fair (no fresh cream or nuts please)
Friday Dec 6th	Christmas Fair 3:15 – 4:45	School uniform* Money for Fair
Monday Dec 9th	Panto in school	School uniform*
Tuesday Dec 10th	<b>Choir only</b> Carol concert at The Gulbenkian	School Uniform
Wednesday Dec 11th	Christmas Dinner	Christmas jumper/outfit
Friday Dec 13th	KS2 Talent show	School uniform* Children in talent show to bring costumes/props/ backing tracks as appropriate
Monday Dec 16th	Elfridges	School uniform* New unwanted gifts for Elfridges & £2 for Elfridges to buy a present
Tuesday Dec 17th	Santa visit	School uniform*
Thursday Dec 19th	Christmas Service at church 2:00pm	School uniform*
Friday Dec 20th	Carols around the Tree 1:30 pm <b>School finishes at 2:15pm</b>	School uniform

School uniform\* or PE kit if it is the class PE day

**Panto – Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

As the pantomime is in school this year, children will still be able to order a school dinner as normal.

Finally, if you would like a paper copy of the table of events above, please ask Mrs Taylor in the office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

A photograph of two handwritten signatures in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature on the left is 'Al Higgins' and the signature on the right is 'Jo Duhig'.

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