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Dear Parents/Carers,

How fantastic it was to see so many of you celebrating all the children's achievements at last week's celebration assembly. Apologies that we were out of seats but we will use some of the lunchtime benches along the sides of the hall, next parent assembly. Hopefully, this will mean you can all sit down.

As we have so many Christmas events taking place over the next three weeks, please ensure you check emails and notices on Seesaw from teachers as classes might have to change PE days etc.

Parking

We have had far fewer complaints about parking this academic year but please continue to be mindful of neighbours and residents in Barham, especially during this festive period when many of you join us for the KS1 Nativity, church service and Christmas Fair.

The latest complaints are about the speed that some of you drive through the village and using mobile phones whilst driving. We had a meeting with the parish council and plans are underway to reduce the speed limit along Valley Road to 20 mph. Please respect the new limit and drive safely.

Kingfisher Club

We are delighted that so many of you are finding our after-school club useful. The teaching assistants that run the club: Mr Rougvie, Miss Thomas and Miss Brice are doing a wonderful job entertaining the children and we have just heard some exciting news that Barham Crematorium's charitable fund has agreed to support the club in buying some resources.

Please note that the last day for the club this term is: Thursday December 19th.

The school finishes at 2:15pm on Friday December 20th (no Kingfisher Club on this day).

Staff News

As you are aware, Mr Johnston will be leaving to become assistant headteacher at Parkside in January and this week we held interviews for his replacement. We were lucky enough to have had some strong applicants and we have now appointed Miss Eve Kelly. She will be coming in for some days over the next three weeks to ensure that the handover is as seamless as possible.

Mrs Potter, who has been working with Wrens for the last twenty years, will also be leaving us after Christmas to return to working with children in pre-school. She has supported all the children currently at school in Barham and always goes above and beyond, coming in at weekends and in the holidays to check the swimming pool or paint the Wrens fence and do



deep cleans. We are so grateful to Mrs Potter's hard work and commitment and are sorry she is leaving but we wish her all the very best for her next adventure.

We have also held TA interviews this week and two new TAs will be joining us after Christmas. Miss Shannon Evans will be working in Year R and Miss Anna Betts will be supporting children in Year 4. Both Miss Evans and Miss Betts have a wealth of experience of working in early years and primary schools.

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all of you for bringing in items for the Christmas fair today. We hope you will be able to join us next Friday after school to support our PTA's Christmas Fair. We are very grateful for the funds raised. Our new cabin (sensory space) is nearly ready and the next stage will be to furnish it with some of the money raised at the Christmas Fair.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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