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Dear Parents,

As the Christmas season creeps ever closer, I want to remind you of a number of things happening in school currently.

Christmas Carol Service and Practise Day

Just a reminder that our whole school Christmas Carol Service will be held in 1st Ahoghill Presbyterian Church on **Tuesday evening 13th December at 7.00pm**. We will not be issuing tickets for the event as the venue should easily cater for all who'd like to come along.

We will have a full day of rehearsals for the Christmas concert on **Monday 12th December** at 1st Ahoghill Church. On this day, children should not come to school, but straight to the church at the normal time, and should be picked up from the church at the end of the day. This is just a 'heads-up' for now – further details will follow.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair takes place on **Friday evening 9th December**. Please pass the word around to anyone who might enjoy this festive evening of craft/food stalls and activities. We have now started collecting for various elements of the fair and if you can help us, we'd really appreciate your support;

Can you help us with items for;

- A Silent Auction (new items only please)
- The Bottle Stall
- Unwanted gifts (unopened please!)
- Home Baking sale (to be brought to school on morning of fair)
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For more details of these stalls and activities, please refer to our last news sheet which you can find at http://thediamondps.weebly.com/uploads/6/2/4/8/6248125/nov_15th_christmas_fair_etc.pdf on the school website.

Photographer

Just a reminder that the photographer will be in school tomorrow. All children will have a photo taken and you will have the opportunity to purchase. Family photographs will be taken if you have requested. Any family photographs including children who do not currently attend the school will be organised for between 9.30am and 10.00am.

Hampers and Handbags

We have started collecting 'Handbags of Hope' and groceries for Rotary Club hampers. Please feel free to donate to these great causes over the next few weeks. There is a collection point for both outside Mrs Scott/Mrs Houston's room. Again, more details are available by referring to the previous news sheet.

Change of holiday dates

There is a small change to the schedule of holiday dates. Please note that **Tuesday 21st February** will now be a staff training day, so **Thursday 25th May** will now be a normal school day for all children. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Extra-Curricular Club for junior pupils.

I am currently considering offering an extra-curricular 'club' for junior children between 2.00 and 3.00pm. Similar to a childcare facility, we would offer supervision for children during this hour of the day. Toys and art activities would be available but it would not be a time for homework or any further curricular work. I realise this may be of benefit to families who have two pickups during the day or who require childcare after 2.00pm.

This club would be funded by parents who wished to make use of this supervision, and I imagine would cost in the region of £4 per child per day. I would like to be able to offer a reduced rate for a second child if two are attending, and obviously if numbers are high the cost may be lower.

But before anything further is done, I would like to gauge the levels of interest in this facility. If you would be keen to use this facility as proposed, please indicate by completing the form below and returning to the school office by this Friday 25th November, **OR** you can click here - <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/2-3pm-club.html> - and submit your information via the school website.

Yours sincerely,



M Beattie (Principal)

After School Club 2-3pm (Reply Slip)

I would make use of this 2-3pm club for my child/children.

Child/children's names _____ Class _____

Parent's signature _____

Any other comments: (ie which days would you wish to make use of this facility)
