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Dear Parents and Carers,

Singing, music, dance, drama and sparkle are in full flow across the school as we get ready for a busy week of concerts and performances for families and friends.

Monday 8th December	Nursery songs 10.45 and 2.45
Tuesday 9th December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 10th December	Reception Christmas Concert 2.15-2.45
Thursday 11th December	Year 1 Christmas Concert 2.15-2.45 Christmas Jumper charity sale after school
Friday 12th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Concert 9.15-10.00 Year 6 Tower of London trip
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper charity sale after school
Tuesday 16th December	Year 2 Christmas Performances 9.30 and 2.00
Wednesday 17th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Concert 2.30
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Jumper day/party day
Friday 19th December	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm

Our Winter Fair on Friday evening was a huge success and provided a very festive opportunity for the school community to come together. The choir performed beautifully giving us some wonderful choral entertainment which was a joy to listen to. Father Christmas was inundated at his grotto, the food and drink stalls were very popular and the tombola and raffle meant that many went away with some great prizes. We would like to extend our thanks to the RFC for their commitment to make the event so wonderful; the money raised by this and other events will provide additional resources for our pupils. Please look out for an update from the RFC later this week to let us know how much money was raised.

We held our latest Parent/Carer Forum meeting on November 28th which gave us the opportunity to share some new initiatives for the year ahead. Jessica Morris, one of our parents, shared some information about 'Misogyny Free Schools' which she is promoting across Croydon to support primary schools with appropriate resources to address gender bias and challenge misogyny. We are also one of six Croydon schools working with Oracy Cambridge as part of an ambitious local authority wide rollout to improve oracy for the children and young people of Croydon. More information about this will be in our half termly newsletter next week and the presentation shared at the forum meeting can be found on the school website:

<https://www.rockmountprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Workshops+and+Presentations&pid=145&action=saved>

The minutes of the Parent Carer Forum meetings are always available on the school website:

<https://www.rockmountprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent%2FCarer+Forum&pid=144>

We held a rather damp Community Club on Sunday December 8th but the children enjoyed making seasonal decorations and the adults managed to get some weeding, planting and tidying completed. The fire pit was as popular as ever with everyone keen to cook their sausages and smores! Many thanks to all those who came along to join in.

Please support our Year 6 pupils who are trying to help the children at our school to get a new Christmas jumper without the usual costs involved to parents and carers. They are collecting any Christmas jumpers which you may be happy to recycle – all sizes and colours are welcome! They will then resell the jumpers Thursday 11th and Monday 15th December for a small cost so that children can have a new Christmas jumper to wear for the party day on Thursday 18th or over the festive period. This is a thoughtful initiative and the year 6 pupils need many more jumper donations - please feel free to leave any at the school office.

Have a good week,

Helen Carvall