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Dear Parents and Carers

The festive season is well and truly underway at Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery and the children are already so excited.

Reception and Nursery children had a wonderful time at the Winter Fayre yesterday and Key Stage One children will be taking part in the fun and games after school today.

On behalf of all the children and staff I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to the PTFA for arranging these events. Thank you also to parents and carers who generously donated items and gave the children money to spend.

Some of you went along to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas' Church a few weeks ago and I am delighted to tell you that, for the second year running, our tree won first prize. Our tree was truly unique, as every child made a decoration and the PTFA displayed them all beautifully.

With just 13 school days until the Christmas holiday, we have so much to cram in, so here is a run down of what is happening.

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime – <b>Please remember to send your child into school with a packed lunch on this day. School uniform must be worn.</b> Should your child suffer from travel sickness, please let the School Office know. No money or snacks are required.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Choir singing at Mayor's Charity Concert Please see Mrs Bowery's letter
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day Fundraising for Save the Children – please send donations in with your child
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Santa fun run - Children can wear Christmas hats
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am	Nursery parents are invited to join their children for a Christmas sing-a-long in Pebbles Nursery
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am	Reception Nativity in the Hall You will not need tickets as names will be taken at the door. Only 2 spectators per child will be admitted.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day Please order your child's dinner in the usual way
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in Pebbles Nursery	Nursery parents are invited to join their children for a Christmas sing-a-long in Pebbles Nursery.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the Hall	Reception Nativity You will not need tickets as names will be taken at the door, however, only 2 spectators per child will be admitted.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	The whole school, including Nursery, will be walking to St Nicholas' Church for a special Christingle service
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class Christmas parties No food is required, thank you

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	The whole school will perform Christmas songs at 3pm. The PTFA will be selling hot chocolate and cookies at this time too so, whatever the weather, wrap up warm and come and join the celebrations.
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### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for your donations for Children in Need this year. I appreciate the financial difficulties so many people are facing and find it incredible that we managed to top last year's total with a whopping £320. This money will certainly help support children and families who are struggling.

### School Meals

Just to give you prior notice that, from January, we will be employing the services of a new catering provider. TCS is an experienced school meal provider, that meets with all school food standards and comes highly recommended by other local schools, with whom they work with.

Therefore, from January, you will no longer need to order your child's school meals in advance, if your child is in the infant school. When the register is taken each morning, your child will just need to respond with 'school dinner' or 'packed lunch'. Mrs Kiln will then total the number of meals required and let the school cook know. At lunchtime, your child will then select their meal from the options given. Menus will be available on the school website, so you know what your child is being offered. TCS will be sending letters to all parents soon, so you can let them know if your child has any dietary requirements.

Nursery parents will receive a separate letter informing them of the revised arrangements for payment.

I am confident that the transition between providers will be successful and appreciate your understanding should any hiccups occur.

### School Day timings

Just to remind you that the door is opened at 8.40am and closes at 8.45am prompt. Any child arriving after this time will be marked as late.

### Christmas Raffle

We have been given two gorgeous food hampers by a good friend of the school, so will be selling raffle tickets each day after school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn after the children have performed their songs on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### And finally...

Please remember to check your emails regularly so you do not miss out on important news.

Yours sincerely



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