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Friday 13th December

Dear parents and carers,

Important messages

- **Key upcoming dates**
- **Last day of term**
- **Extra-Curricular clubs now finished**
- **Free school meals eligibility check**

There are a number of events coming up—it's always busy at Christmas!

Here are some key ones:

18th December: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch (no pre-ordering required)

On this day, your child is encouraged to come to school in a Christmas jumper, with their normal school trousers or skirt. They can wear a Christmas accessory too! Your child can also have a Christmas lunch on this day. **You do not need to pre-order.** Children will order on the morning as normal. If your child has a special diet, they will be given a safe Christmas dinner. There won't be another food option for the children on that day, so your child may prefer a packed lunch from home. We can't wait to see you sparkle and shine!

19th December: Reindeer Run

Your child has brought home a Reindeer Run sponsorship form to support local Phyllis Tuckwell hospices. Your child will be running like a reindeer around our school grounds on Thursday 19th December. On this day, please send your child in wearing mufti that they can run in. We are supporting this fantastic cause after our school community has experienced bereavements. If you need help with any bereavements, please access support from places like: [https:// www.cruse.org.uk](https://www.cruse.org.uk)

20th December: Church Service, half day & last day of school

We are excited to invite you to the Royal Garrison Church for our Christmas celebration on Friday 20th December. **Our service will start at 10.15am so we ask that you are seated by 10am.** You will be able to collect your child from the church after the service. However, please note that - unless we have been informed in writing - we cannot release children to other adults. If they are on your Arbor as contacts authorised to collect, we can release children to them. If you are not able to attend the service, please do not worry. We will bring your child back to school and they will have lunch. They can then be collected at 1.15pm.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, or you would like to order a school dinner for this day, we ask that you please go to your Arbor, and under the 'Trips' section you will see the option for a 'Last day of term school lunch order - HAM' or 'Last day of term school lunch order -CHEESE'. We kindly ask that you only place an order if it is needed, to minimise any potential food wastage.

Extra- Curricular clubs finished this upcoming week

We have had another fantastic term of extracurricular clubs with the children. Please note these have now come to an end and **there are no after school clubs next week**, except Koosa Kids.

Please see the flyers attached with information regarding Koosa Kids holiday club, and sign-up information for the Spring term of Aldershot football teams after school club, here at Talavera Junior School.

We have also attached information from Princes Hall theatre regarding a youth theatre group starting in the spring term.

Free school meals eligibility check

Many children are eligible for free school meals for a variety of reasons. If you are unsure if your child is eligible but would like to check, please use the link below. If your application is successful, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/apply>

Yours faithfully,
Talavera Junior School

