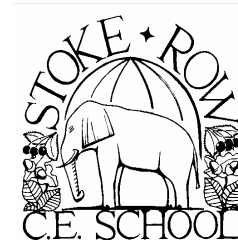

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Dear Parents and Carers

Preparations are going full steam ahead for the Christmas plays. Children are learning lines and singing songs and everything looks very festive. I know that there are a lot of people looking forward to the show this Christmas and just doing two short plays this year will ensure that children (and parents!) get home to bed relatively early.

We are experiencing the usual difficulties over allocation of tickets and **after consultation with the Health and Safety Committee of the governors, it has been decided not to allow more than four tickets per family in the initial allocation. Anyone who hasn't yet collected their tickets for the Christmas shows needs to do so by Friday pm at the latest. There are very few left – mostly for Monday morning. Any remaining tickets after that time will be allocated on a first come first served basis and limited to an additional 1- 2 per family.**

During the plays, if an older child is not performing, please make sure you have independent child care arrangements in place as **we are unable to look after any children not performing. We will not admit persons over five without a ticket and can accept no child 'helpers'.**

We have a heartfelt SOS from the Kimber family.

Recently we have bought Sam new jumpers and one of those reversible coats. They have sadly all gone missing, though all had names in. He has tried to look through the lost property and also on the cloakroom pegs, but sadly to no avail.

Can anyone help them out? Please look in your child's reversible jacket or jumper at the name. Perhaps they have accidentally taken the wrong one. It happens. Sam is getting cold!

We have had complaints about parking from some of our neighbours. If you have to use a car to bring the children to school, could you try to share a lift with another family? Parking further away from the school would really help, and give you a nice walk too. We are hoping our school crossing lady will be returning to work in the new year. Until then, please try to make sure your children know how to cross the road, preferably accompanied by an adult. In the near future we shall be taking possession of a speed camera, the results from which may make the County officials do something more about the speeding motorists.

If you would like your child to have school lunches in January it is essential to bring in a dinner form; **before** Friday 19 December. Forms arriving on or after this date will be too late to ensure lunches for the first week of term.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher