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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Christmas at Dilkes Academy – Important Dates

We are delighted to announce that we will be continuing with our successful Christmas Dinner Day where all our pupils from Reception to Year 6 have the opportunity to once again join staff for our ‘Festive Feast’ on **Wednesday 20th December 2023**.

Staff have the pleasure of serving lunches to the children, before joining them for a delicious dinner cooked by the hardworking kitchen staff here at Dilkes Academy. Having all pupils and staff eating together, whilst enjoying themselves, reinforces the importance of family values and traditions.

Please note that Christmas dinners must be paid for via Arbor, on **Monday 18th December 2023** if you ordinarily pay for lunches. Any pupils who will not be having a Christmas dinner can bring their own packed lunch and join their friends in the dining hall.

To make this day even more festive, we are encouraging all staff and pupils to wear their favourite Christmas jumper (non-uniform).

Our usual Christmas parties have been arranged for this year. The KS1 and KS2 parties will be held on **Wednesday 20th December 2023** as previously highlighted in the Autumn Term Programme.

To round off our festive celebrations, we are extremely happy to confirm that there will be a fantastic Christmas Shop for our pupils. The shop will be held on **Thursday 14th December 2023**.

All gifts will be priced at **£1.50**. Please pay in advance via the ‘shop’ function on ARBOR. Any excess gifts will be sold at the end of the day. This will be followed by our indoor Christmas market which will take place after school from **3:30pm till 5:30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

Please don’t forget that we need donations towards our popular Christmas Raffle. Bring all donations to the front office, thank you. All monies raised go towards the Christmas celebrations for our pupils.

I know myself and all the staff at Dilkes are looking forward to the festive period and I am sure our pupils are looking forward to all the fun.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Latham  
 Headteacher