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Dear parent/carers

The final week of term is approaching and we are looking forward to the fun activities that we have planned for our **Christmas Around the World Week**. Children will be learning about the Christmas experience in locations far and wide including Japan, the North Pole and Germany. This insight into the unique traditions of different countries will include art & craft activities and cooking/tasting festive treats. I am sure that the children will enjoy discovering a new aspect to Christmas and that they will enjoy sharing with you what they learn.

On Wednesday 16th we will be celebrating with **Christmas Lunch** and children are invited to come dressed for the occasion in a festive outfit or wearing a **Christmas jumper** to put everyone in a celebratory mood.

There will also be a **special visitor** in our last week who I hope will be able to take a little time out from his exceptionally busy schedule to call in on George Street and wish all of our pupils and staff a wonderful Christmas. Let's be good!

ATTENDANCE IN THE FINAL WEEK

Our aim this term has been to make sure that all children have as much opportunity as possible to benefit from time in school. To this end, all of the staff have worked with consistent care to ensure that school is as safe and as 'normal' as possible. Every member of our staff team has contributed to this effort, in classes, at lunchtimes, in our offices, the school kitchen and before, after and during every day through the continual action of our cleaning staff. I am enormously grateful for the commitment of each one during what has been a long and stressful year for everyone.

We have, thus far, been fortunate in being able to keep the school open for nearly all classes throughout the period since September. Nevertheless, I am aware that many families are grappling with decisions about children's attendance in the final week.

In line with the Welsh Government's guidance, we will continue to operate as we have on every other week this term and are hoping to have very many children here to enjoy the final week of term. I respect that families may have specific concerns or needs that take priority over this. Where this is the case, and your child is not attending, please contact the school via email or phone using the details above to keep us informed. This will prevent our office staff from making unnecessary calls to follow up unexplained absences.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Very many thanks to everyone who has already donated to our Crisis Appeal at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/georgestreetprimarycrisismasappeal2020>



Kind regards,

A. Brasington

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