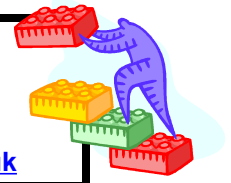


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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a hectic number of weeks, all downhill towards the end of term. What a joyful time this is – I hope you are fit, well and safe while enjoying bonfires, fireworks and all that that entails!

Did you know that the most able children are those who have stories told to them and those who have unstructured outdoor play in their early years? This is just a small quote from a course I was at on Tuesday, with the Cluster Schools, led by Sue Palmer, who researched and wrote "De-Toxing Childhood". This is a really good read for teachers and parents, with plenty of sensible messages to pass on. I'll keep doing that from time to time, but in the meantime, keep reading to your children and let them play-out! Now for other news .....

• **ROPER PARTY – TODAY!**

As you already know, it is the Roper Party today and a new innovation is a 'Lego-building' afternoon creating a model village. We hope to have it completed by 4.15pm when the children will break to sing John Roper's favourite hymn 'As With Gladness Men of Old'. They will then enjoy a party tea, kindly provided by St James' Church Wardens and volunteers. The Lego Experience has been funded this year by an Acorn Community Grant from Preston Council for Voluntary Service; 'Promoting and assisting Voluntary and Community activity in Preston'. Many thanks to them, our village will certainly benefit!

• **SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER WICE BONFIRE**

I hope you've all got your tickets for the bonfire! It should be a brilliant event with lots to burn, many fireworks, great food and company. A typically good Whitechapel 'do'! See you there. For last minute tickets please contact Paul Stirrup 01995 640752.

Adults £7 children £3. Bonfire lit 6pm Food 6.30-7.30pm (hot pot, sweet, mulled wine/juice)  
Fireworks 7pm

• **PTFA EVENTS**

**Culinary Evening**

Tuesday 2 December. Tickets £10 which includes wine tasting, and lots of food to sample. There will be a chance to purchase lovely, reasonable glassware etc. Do come along it was a fantastic event last year so we hope for lots of support. Our grateful thanks to Alex Coward for offering to demonstrate once again.

**Christmas Social Evening – Thyme Restaurant**

We have commandeered the whole restaurant and tickets are LIMITED so apply soon as it's first come first served. Cost £17.95 for a 3 course meal. Please complete the slips below for these two events. Many thanks for your continued support.

• **VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR SAT 29 NOV**

If you're having a pre-Christmas clear out, please could you remember the school staff at the Christmas

Fair. We support the Village Hall by running a 'Good as New' toy and book stall. Year Six traditionally help me to organise the setting-up and running of the stall in the Village Hall, on Saturday afternoon. If you could put aside all the best toys, games and books that your children have grown out of, we will welcome them into the village Hall on Thursday 27 November. (That's when Year Six and I will sort them and prepare for Saturday.) Sharen is also asking for items for the Out of School Club tombola stall. Further reminders and details to follow, but please keep the afternoon free to come along and support this event. Thank you.

• **WHITECHAPEL WICKED OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

Sharen and Christine will be holding a Disco on Thursday 18 December so make a note – further details soon. Can Sharen also remind you that there is tennis coaching at Monday morning's Before School Club and football on Friday at the After School Club, if you would like your child to attend please let us know?

• **TOAST/FRUIT**

Toast and fruit are the same this half term. Toast 15p per day or 75p per week, fruit 7p per day or 35p per week. Fruit is free for Rec, Y1 and Y2 all other year groups have to pay. Please send in your money in a named envelope or purse.

• **WHIST & DOMINO EVENING FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER**

Letters have been circulated informing you of this evening and thank you to those who have replied. Please do your best to support us as it is vital that the event raises lots of funds to help with our Christmas 'expenses' for your children. We do need **lots** of help on the night so do think about coming along please, dads are just as welcome as mums! If you would like to support us by playing whist or dominoes you are more than welcome to join in and maybe win some of the excellent prizes

• **LADIES NIGHT OUT – Inglewhite Church**

Friday 14 Nov 7.30-9.30pm. Free admission but donations for Macmillan nurses. Mulled punch, minced pies, Fairtrade cards, beauty products and a chance to make Christmas table/tree decorations. Contact Helen Hardman for more information.

If you lose your newsletter why not go on-line – visit the website for a copy (address above).

Best wishes

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**CULINARY EVENING TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER THYME**  
**EVENING EVENT THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER**

I would like ..... tickets at £10 each for the Culinary evening.

I would like to book ..... places at the Thyme Christmas event and enclose £5 per person deposit.

Name .....

Cheques payable to Whitechapel School PTFA