

25th November 2011



Dear Parents/Carers

It's nearly Christmas !!!

Just to advise you of our arrangements for upcoming Christmas events!

Christmas Dinner

Your child will have already brought home a menu for their Christmas lunch. Please ensure that this is returned to school before **Friday 9th December**. Christmas lunch is on **Thursday 15th December**, children are welcome to bring in any festive headgear to wear on this day.

Christmas Concert

We would like to warn you in advance that we are going to have a change of approach to the format of our Christmas concert this year . just to do something a bit different for a change!

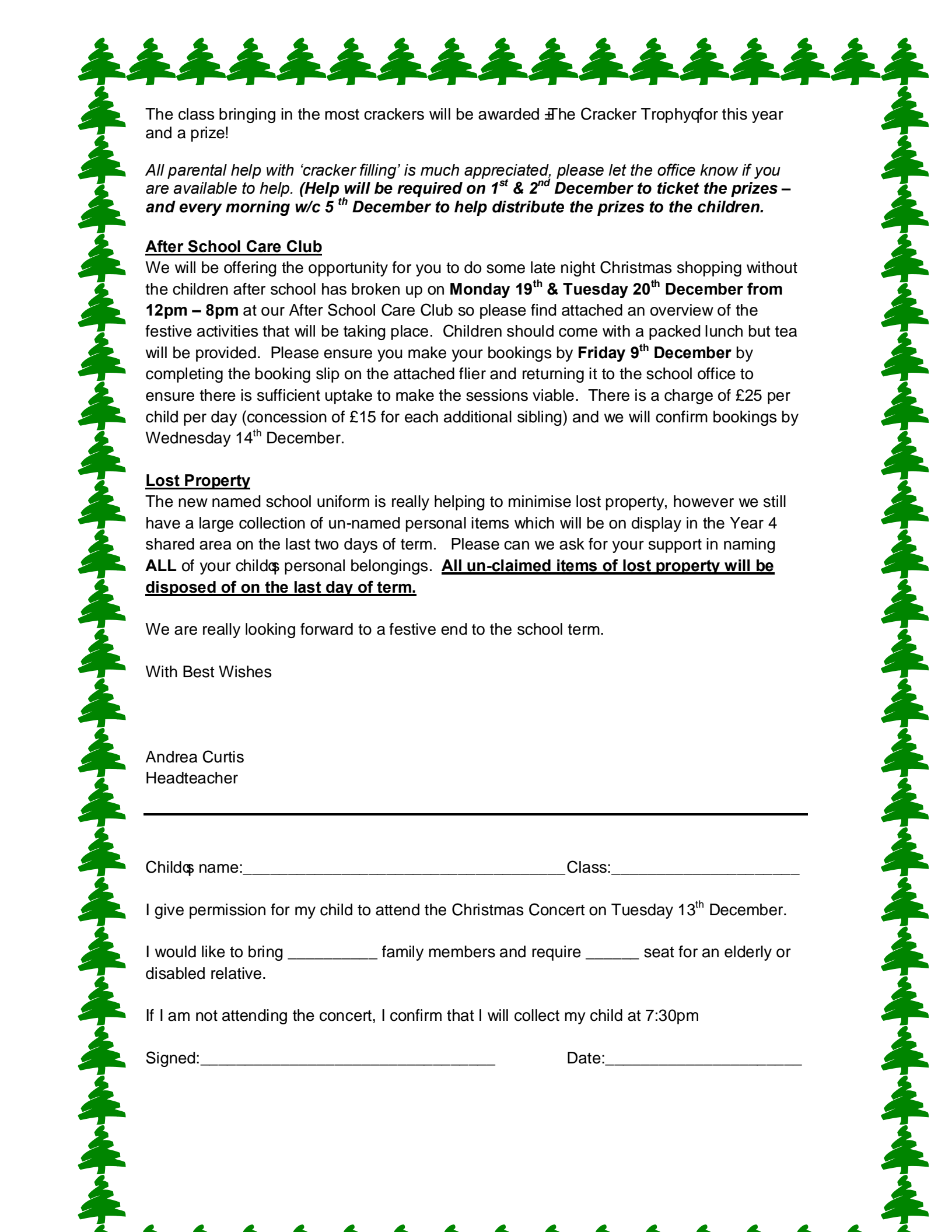
Our Christmas concert this year will involve a singing song+outside! We are planning to celebrate Christmas together on **Tuesday 13th December from 6pm – 7:30pm**. All year groups will be performing songs and there will be a few other musical items and surprises to get us into the Christmas spirit. As it is being held outside we need to advise you that there will be no seating (other than for those individuals who require it) but as such this will enable you to bring along other family members if you wish.

There will be hot dogs, hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies on offer, to help ward off the cold! Please ensure that both you and your children wrap up really warm with extra layers, scarves, hats, gloves etc. In the event of rain we have a reserve day of Thursday 15th December. You will need to complete the permission slip attached to this newsletter giving permission for your child to attend and to indicate how many family members will be attending, along with any seating requirements for elderly/disabled family members.

Cracker Raffle

We will again be holding our Christmas Cracker Raffle every day before school the week beginning 5th December. Please support us by sending in either Christmas Crackers or raffle prizes however small. This will be an exciting raffle with some big prizes to be won, but the more small prizes we have the better for all those taking part.

Prizes or crackers can just be brought into the school office. If any of you have any links with businesses that might be able to support our raffle, please let us know.



The class bringing in the most crackers will be awarded 'The Cracker Trophy' for this year and a prize!

All parental help with 'cracker filling' is much appreciated, please let the office know if you are available to help. (Help will be required on 1st & 2nd December to ticket the prizes – and every morning w/c 5th December to help distribute the prizes to the children.

After School Care Club

We will be offering the opportunity for you to do some late night Christmas shopping without the children after school has broken up on **Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th December from 12pm – 8pm** at our After School Care Club so please find attached an overview of the festive activities that will be taking place. Children should come with a packed lunch but tea will be provided. Please ensure you make your bookings by **Friday 9th December** by completing the booking slip on the attached flier and returning it to the school office to ensure there is sufficient uptake to make the sessions viable. There is a charge of £25 per child per day (concession of £15 for each additional sibling) and we will confirm bookings by Wednesday 14th December.

Lost Property

The new named school uniform is really helping to minimise lost property, however we still have a large collection of un-named personal items which will be on display in the Year 4 shared area on the last two days of term. Please can we ask for your support in naming **ALL** of your child's personal belongings. **All un-claimed items of lost property will be disposed of on the last day of term.**

We are really looking forward to a festive end to the school term.

With Best Wishes

Andrea Curtis
Headteacher

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the Christmas Concert on Tuesday 13th December.

I would like to bring _____ family members and require _____ seat for an elderly or disabled relative.

If I am not attending the concert, I confirm that I will collect my child at 7:30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____