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HEADTEACHER
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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the excitement of Halloween, Bonfire Night and of course the Rugby World Cup, now behind us, our focus is very much on the festive celebrations for Christmas and there is a lot going on. Hopefully you have all received the somewhat lengthy list of dates for your dairy, but if you haven't, they have been repeated within this newsletter.

Just a brief word from me this month - I can already hear your audible sighs of relief and it is to inform you of some forthcoming staff changes. From the classroom, and indeed the same one, we bid farewell to Mrs Treble and Mrs Glover from Year 1. Mrs Treble joined Conifers as Miss Ryan back in 2015 in which time, we have congratulated her both on her marriage and the birth of her baby daughter. Mrs Glover joined us in 2017 and was responsible for the running of our then 'new' THRIVE base, before transferring to the classroom as a qualified teacher. Both now continue their careers in schools nearby and we thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them well in the future. Staying in the classroom but heading up through the school into Key Stage 2, we are also saying farewell to Miss Bridge. It was back in 1999 that Miss Bridge first joined the school, in the same year that we were watching the Matrix, listening to S Club 7, marvelling at something they were calling Bluetooth technology and trying to work out how much a Euro was really worth! Much has changed since then, although I'm still struggling with the Euro. But Miss Bridge has moved with the times and supported the children of Conifers in various guises for nearly two decades. She leaves for the rugged coastline and mountainous National Parks of Wales to continue to support older children and be closer to her own family. Miss Bridge will be greatly missed by many and we all wish her nothing but the very best for the next two decades to come. Lastly, but by absolutely no means least, we also say a fond farewell to Conifers School Counsellor, Mrs Moulsher, who, after many years of dedicating her time to the support of others, is finally calling time and retiring. Along with the children of the school, many of you will have directly benefitted from Mrs Moulsher's understanding, wisdom and reflection and her role as part of the school's Safeguarding team, has been invaluable in ensuring the physical and emotional well-being of all. We wish her a very happy retirement and hope she 'stays in touch' over the coming years.



In direct contrast, we will be saying 'hello' and welcome for four new members of staff. Currently working at another local school, but stepping into Year 1 for us, we have Miss Fiona Alcock, an experienced and Early Years trained teacher. Heading up to support Key Stage 2 - and in particular Miss Samuel, Mrs Claire Mitchell will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant, whilst Mrs Jacqui Patrick, returns to Conifers as a 1:1 support/Teaching Assistant in Year 3. In our THRIVE base, Mrs Kim Chapman, also returns to Conifers to Lead the base and work alongside Mrs Stavrianos. We look forward to working with them all in the new year.

I am reliably informed that there are only 26 'sleeps' between now and Christmas - I sincerely hope they are as restful as possible. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2 nd December	Christmas Market 3.30pm
Wednesday, 11 th December	Reception Nativity to Parents - 10.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 6 singing to Harbour Lights Court - 10.30am
Thursday 12 th December	Weyco Christmas Dinner for Children
Thursday 12 th December	Reception, Years 1 and 2 Christmas Singalong 2.30pm - Friends will be selling refreshments
Friday 13 th December	Christingle - All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents welcome
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - Children can come into school in their Christmas Jumpers, donation £1
Monday 16 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Production - parents welcome, 2pm Friends will be selling refreshments
Tuesday 17 th December	10am - Carol Service at St Paul's Church - All parents welcome
Wednesday 18 th December	Years 4, 5 and 6 Cinderella Pantomime at Weymouth Pavilion - am
Thursday 19 th December	Friends Christmas Party for all children - non-uniform for the children
Thursday 19 th December	Children break up for the Christmas Holidays

