ST KATHARINE'S CofE (VC) SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

A very big thank you to Pip and the PTA for organising the Christmas Fair at the Town Hall this year. It was very successful and a fantastic amount was raised.
Thanks to your generous donations we raised £87.90 for Children in Need. The children enjoyed dressing up as pantomime characters and especially enjoyed the production of Aladdin.
The maths workshop last night proved to be very successful for those parents who attended "…….. understanding the importance of '10's' and strategies being taught. We can use this language in everyday life and play some of the games".
However, I have to say how disappointed I was that only 10 families attended out of 64 that we have at school. We will not be repeating this workshop in the near future as we have other workshops planned.
Christmas will soon be upon us and it wouldn't be the same without our Christmas Party. On Wednesday 14th December Father Christmas will be visiting. The children can bring their party clothes to change into at lunchtime.

Sharon Cross
Headteacher

Children's School Saving Scheme
If your child would like to make a withdrawal of money they have saved they can do so on Friday 9th December. Please ask at the office for a withdrawal form. The bank will be closed week beginning 12th December and will reopen week beginning 3rd January 2012.

Sue Brady Lunches
Unfortunately Sue Brady can no longer provide BACs payments for school meals. Please pay by cash or cheque. Thank you.

PTA News
The PTA are pleased to report that thanks to the money raised at the Christmas Fair we are able to pay for the replacement of the ceiling tiles in the school hall. As we continue fundraising activities throughout the year we hope to be able to assist with cost of the redecoration of the hall.

Bag2School
Thank you to everyone who brought in a bag on Tuesday, we will hear shortly how much we raised. Jane Vallis won the bottle of champagne! We have another collection booked

for June 2012, so remember to save any jumble for that.

School Disco
The disco is just a week away on 9th December, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Tickets are £3 and available from Mrs Stagg. Snacks and drinks will be available for the children and refreshments for any parents who would like to stay.

School Tea Towels
The school tea towels are still for sale and will make excellent Christmas presents. If you would like one, please return your completed order form to the office ASAP!

Nut Free School
As you are aware we have two children in school with severe nut allergies. We are trying to promote a 'nut free' zone in school; therefore produce containing nuts is not encouraged in school. This includes packed lunches, mid morning snacks, star worker treats, birthday treats etc

Absence
If your child is ill, please telephone the school office before 9.30 a.m. on the day to let us know. Please follow this up with a note giving details. If we are not notified of the reasons for an absence, an "unauthorised absence" will be recorded on their school record. Requests for absence in term time for reasons other than illness must be made in advance on an Absence Request form available from the school office. If your child arrives after 9.05 a.m. it will be classed as **unauthorised** and you will be asked to fill in the late register.

Christmas Lunch provided by Julianne Smith & Team.
There are still a few children who have not yet booked a Christmas Lunch on the 12th December. If you would like your child to enjoy a delicious lunch, please complete the reply slip below and return it to school before Monday 5th December. Thank you.

Reply Slip
Christmas Lunch
12th December 2011

Name of Child/ren…….
Class …….

* I would like my child/ren to have a Christmas lunch and enclose £3.00 per child.
*I would like a vegetarian alternative at £3.00 per child.

Signed ……..

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From Little Acorns Great Oaks Grow

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th December	Hazel Class to Watermill Theatre (a.m.)
9th December	School disco
12th December	Christmas Lunch for the children at school
13th December	Children singing carols at the Jubilee Centre
15th December	Christmas Nativity & Carol Service 5 p.m. at Church
16th December	Last day of term 2
18th December	St Katharine's Church Carols and Lessons.
3rd January 2012	First day of term 3
6th February	Book Week and Book Fair at School
9th February 2012	Last day of Term 3
10th February 2012	T D Day
20th February	T D Day
21st February	1st day of Term 4