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Dear Parents,

### **Concerts**

Some of our children will be performing on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, playing their recorders or the piano. Our small guitar group, led by tutor Chris Jones, will also be performing on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please join us if you can. Both concerts will start at 9 a.m.

### **Musical Tuition**

We are delighted that so many children are learning to play an instrument (piano, recorder, flute, clarinet, keyboard, violin, brass and guitar are currently available) However it is something that needs a high level of commitment from the learner and support from their parents/carers. We would like to remind you that children are expected to attend for a minimum of a whole term. Parents/carers need to give half a term's notice if a child is going to withdraw from their lessons in the interest of both the tutor and child.

### **Next Parent Forum – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

We have moved the Parent Forums to Fridays, in order to encourage parents to join our lively discussions. They will start after assembly (approximately 9.20 a.m.) Please come and join us.

### **Messy Church**

Our new rector, Reverend Shirley Smith, is very keen to be involved in the life of the school. She will be starting a parent and pre-school child group in the New Year, held in the Community Centre. On offer will be a chance to be with other parents and toddlers, have fun and listen to music and Bible stories. A letter will be sent home with full details next term.

### **More men!**

We are keen to involve more men in school life. We have a small number of men who help but would like more. There are many ways you can help – in the classroom, helping with clubs or Golden time, being on the governing body or PTA. Please let us know if you are able to help, it does not need to be on a regular basis but could be, for example, helping at our monthly wildlife club. We realise many parents work but that a lot of you are able to be flexible in your daily routines. Don't be shy, there is a huge amount of evidence that parents, and men in particular, have an impact of children's development.

### **Yellow Pages**

If it is not too late, please put your old Yellow Pages directory in the recycling bin in the staff car park. Please tear off the front page and give it to Mrs. Hanson; NDDC wish to know how many directories have been collected.

### **Bingo/ 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**

Our Christmas Bingo takes place this Friday, donated prizes are always welcome. Tickets are on sale for the dance, please see PTA members if you wish to attend this special event.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Marsh (Mrs.)  
Headteacher