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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Shopping Trip for Years 5 and 6

On Friday 4th December, we will be going to Oxford on our annual Christmas shopping trip with Year 5 and 6.

This is a much loved school tradition and a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop independence in their gift buying, while thoughtfully considering the needs and interests of others. To take part, children will need to bring **£8 in cash** as spending money and will be choosing non-food gifts for family members. Although this amount has remained unchanged for the past four years, the children consistently manage to select thoughtful gifts and we are mindful that Christmas can be an expensive time for many families.

It is a valuable learning experience as the children consider how to use their small budget most effectively and use practical maths skills to plan their spending. Being in the busy town centre and interacting with shop staff and members of the public also helps build social skills and confidence.

Children will need to come to school at normal time with a waterproof coat, a packed lunch and water bottle in their school backpack. If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like the school kitchen to provide a packed lunch, please email the office who will arrange this.

The **transport cost** to the school is **£10.00** per child therefore we ask for a voluntary contribution towards this. The trip is available to pay on **MCAS** where you will also need to give permission for the trip. Please contact the school office if you require financial assistance for any reason or would like to use pupil premium funding for this. Please provide permission and contributions by **Friday 20th November**.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Rees