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Frosty Friday, School Budget & Bulbs for Spring

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Dear parents/carers,

As you know, traditionally we have a Winter Wonderland event each year after school to which all children, parents and the wider community are invited so they can skate on an ice rink, go on lots of fairground rides, meet Father Christmas and his reindeer, get faces painted and have a great time.

Sadly, the school simply doesn't have the budget this year to be able to afford a full Winter Wonderland event after school. Instead, we will be having a great 'Frosty Friday' for all pupils during the school day next week on 13th December. Children and staff will all be having a wonderful Christmas dinner (make sure you complete the sign-up form) and it's a special 'Christmas Jumper Day' (£1 donation to Save the Children Charity).

Father Christmas will still be visiting the Nursery, all Reception and Year 1 classes at both campuses, there will also be arts & crafts happening through the day, a 'Frosty Disco' and a few fair rides will be in the playgrounds. I'm sure every child will have a wonderful day, so get their Christmas Jumper ready..

If you want to find out more about the challenges of trying to run a school when costs have risen but there has not been enough funding for over 4 years, please have a read of a [recent article & video I was asked to do in the TES](#)

All the main parties are promising additional funding as part of their manifesto commitments but we need more and we need guarantees that it will actually go into school budgets for the start of the new financial year in 2020. It really is a serious situation for all schools, so please help by going to the [School Cuts website](#) and signing the petition.

On a far more cheerful note, as part of our commitment to tackling climate change and making the air cleaner, we have managed to get 150 trees for free to plant around the school campuses. We'd also love to plant lots of spring flowering bulbs amongst the trees and in planters around the school. We are therefore asking for donations of bulbs so we can get started with the planting before the ground gets too cold. Please give your donations to your child's class teacher or hand them in at the office.

Kind Regards,

Richard Slade
Headteacher

