From Modern Languages Department: Regina Englehart

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Dear Parents/Guardians

*re: Christmas cookie baking competition for Lower School and 3rd year boys*

I am writing to you today to invite your son to participate in a festive *Weihnachtsplätzchenbackwettbewerb* - a competition to make the tastiest, most beautifully decorated and most inventive German Christmas biscuits!

Christmas biscuits, or *Plätzchen*, are a grand tradition in the German-speaking countries. Families and groups of friends gather in the weeks before Christmas to sift, stir, shape and bake piles and piles of delicious *Plätzchen*, which are then offered to guests over the whole festive season, and often given as Christmas presents to friends, too.

The Oxford German Network invites **Lower school and 3rd year German students** to get creative in the kitchen, and to **bring the biscuits they have made at home** to a presentation and tasting evening in Oxford on **Wednesday 30 November from 4.30 – 6.30** **pm at Oxford High School.** There will be prizes for the winners, as well as a Christmas Quiz, music and refreshments.

Transport from and to Abingdon School coach park will be provided. Depending on numbers, there might be a cost of £2 for transport. Please note that sports fixtures have precedence over this event.

Please follow [this link](http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/christmas-event) for recipes to help you get started. We encourage you to experiment with different shapes, spices, ingredients and decorations to bake truly unique *Plätzchen* that will wow the judges!

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in the event on **Wednesday 30 November**, please **complete and sign the online consent form** [**here**](https://goo.gl/forms/vKqLicn3SmsOgBIs2) **(https://goo.gl/forms/7WNZxQMb4Z27kXfP2) by Wednesday 16 November.** Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on regina.engelhart@abingdon.org.uk) or 07435562367.

Yours sincerely

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