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PTFA Christmas Markets

Thank you very much to the PTFA members and everyone who volunteered to be 'personal shoppers and present wrappers' at three very successful Christmas markets this week. The children thoroughly enjoy doing their very own present shopping. Thank you also to "Santa" for taking time out of his very busy schedule to visit the children at our school.

This year the PTFA were very lucky to once again receive a substantial anonymous donation. This money was used to buy a present for each child from Santa. So we would like to say "a big thank you" to whoever our generous benefactor may be.

Raffle

Please remember to check the PTFA notice board to see if you have won a prize, these are available for collection from the school office.

The Bird House Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 18 December at the end of the day. Don't miss out on the chance to be the lucky winner of this lovely item. This would make an ideal Christmas present for a loved one. Tickets are available from the school office.

Christmas Fayre Competition Winners: Prizes will be awarded to the children next week.

Forest School Winter Wonderland Sessions

Thank you to Mrs Rolfe, and the staff that helped, for three very successful after-school Forest School experiences. The children have enjoyed sharing their learning with you and the hot chocolate and CDs that were available. As these sessions have proved so popular we will include these as part of our annual events.

If you were unable to come along but still wish to purchase your child's tree decoration, these are available from the school office and are priced at a minimum donation of £1. Please see a sample below.









Year R and Year 1 Productions

As previously advised, these will be taking place at Purbrook Junior School.

No photographs or videos of performances to be shared

This is a polite reminder that under **no circumstances** should any photographs or videos be uploaded to **any social media site or sharing site**. If you plan to take photographs or videos at one of our forthcoming Christmas productions these are for your own use and are not to be shared.

Programmes and Collection

A reminder that programmes will be on sale priced 50p for each performance. These feature the names of all the children and make great mementos. There will also be a retiring collection for the refurbishment of our school library so please bring some loose change with you!

Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 18 December

A reminder that on Tuesday the children will be served this celebratory lunch by the staff. The PTFA will provide all the children with crackers. The children will order their Christmas lunch in class, on Tuesday. The menu will be as follows:

Roast Turkey with sausage, stuffing ball and gravy or Quorn fillet with vegetarian sausage, stuffing ball and gravy. They will be served with roast potatoes, garden peas and carrots. The dessert will be chocolate ice cream or a satsuma. The PTFA will be providing **all** children with a Christmas cracker, regardless of whether they have a school lunch or not. **No other lunch options will be available on this day.**

Resuming hot lunches: We are hopeful that our hall will be up and running shortly and we will advise you when normal hot lunches will resume.

Class Parties

This year we are not asking for requests for individual food items. Instead, we are asking that parents donate 50p which will be used to purchase items for the parties. Your child does **not** need to bring in party clothes or any other food items. The parties will take place on the following days:

- Year R: Monday 17 December
- > Year 1: Tuesday 18 December
- > Year 2: Wednesday 19 December

Year 2 Mini Concert featuring Year 1 Choir Tuesday 18 December: Postponed

Due to being unable to fully use our school hall, it has been necessary to postpone this concert to Tuesday 08 January 2019 at 2.15pm. This rescheduled event **will not** feature the choir as they were singing festive songs.

Individual Photographs

These were sent home earlier this week. Please let the school office know of any discrepancies as a matter of urgency.

Clubs finished – except Breakfast and Beehive After School Club

All after school clubs (Art Club, Nightingales Reading Club, Choir, Dance, Legacy and Football) have now finished for this term with the exception of Breakfast and the Beehive After School Club. Please collect your child at the normal time of 3.15pm.

Cars on School Site

Please can I remind you that the only cars permitted on the school site are by **prior arrangement** for those with a Blue Disabled Badge and the person to whom the badge has been issued must be in the car, where extenuating circumstances exist. I would also ask that you do not arrive/exit at peak times and that extra care is taken whilst driving on the school site.

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<u>https://studybugs.com/about/parents</u>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions: Week 2

Next week Doves' Class will have forest school on Wednesday afternoon and Robins' Class on Thursday Morning and Kestrels' class on Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure that you send in their forest school clothing. A reminder that we have aligned your child's class with the lunch week menu.

Lunch Menu

Next Week's Menu will be: Week 2. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: <u>menu</u>. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

The school will close next Thursday, 20 December at 3.15pm for the Christmas break, and at 6.00pm for children attending Beehive. Normal school uniform should be worn on this day. The school will reopen on Monday 07 January at 8.45am. Breakfast club will be open at the normal time of 7.45am for those children attending.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret

Headteacher