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Friday Flier



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all of you who supported this event by either helping with the preparations, running a stall or attending on the day. Once the figure is finalised we will let you know the total amount raised. A big thank you to all members of the PTFA who worked hard to ensure this annual event was, as usual, a great success and a really enjoyable event for many families. Please check the PTFA notice board to see if you have won a raffle prize. *Competition winners will be announced next week.*

Reminder: Christmas Forest School "Winter Wonderland"

Please come long to the forest on your child's day, explore the forest, enjoy a hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows for £1 - available in the Learning Lodge, sit by the fire and leave with a special gift.

In the event of bad weather, this event will still take place. It will just be nice and cosy in the hall.

Year 2 parents can visit the forest shop on: **Monday 16 December at 3.20pm**Year 1 parents can visit the forest shop on: **Tuesday 17 December at 3.20pm**Year R parents can visit the forest shop on: **Wednesday 18 December at 3.20pm**

We would like to invite you into our forest where you can search for your child's decoration and make a minimum donation of £1 to purchase it. The money raised from the shop will be spent ensuring the spring term Forest School afternoon sessions continue and are as exciting as they have been this term.

Please pick your child up as normal and then walk round to the forest together.

Christmas Markets: Taking place next week

The PTFA are really short of helpers for the markets next week. They require help with wrapping the presents and acting as personal shoppers. We always welcome volunteers. If you are able to help, please sign up on the lists in the school office. Markets are taking place as follows:

- Year 2: Monday 16 December 9:00am 11:30am
- Year 1: Tuesday 17 December 9:00am 11:30am
- Year R: Wednesday 18 December 9:00am 11:30am

You should have already have returned your child's list of who they are buying presents for, together with the appropriate money - £1 per present. If you have not done this, please can you do so as a matter of urgency to avoid disappointed and upset children.

On Monday please provide your child with a **named carrier bag** in which the gifts they have selected can be carried home. The children will take this with them when they "go shopping".

Children who are absent on the day of the market will be taken to the market on the next day if they wish to do some shopping.

Class Parties

Once again 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 1: Tuesday 17 December
- Year R: Wednesday 18 December
- Year 2: Thursday 19 December

Christmas Presents

This year, once again, instead of buying class or individual presents, the staff have brought presents which will be given to a charity who will distribute these to children in the local area who are unlikely to receive a Christmas present this year.

Clubs finished – except Breakfast, Beehive After School Club and Music Lessons

All after school clubs (**Nightingales Reading Club, Choir, Dance, Legacy and Football**) have now finished for this term with the exception of Breakfast, Beehive After School Club and music lessons. Please collect your child at the normal time of 3.15pm. Nightingales Reading Club will recommence the **second week** back on Monday 13 January.

Reminder: Year 2 Mini Concert to Parents: Tuesday 17 December at 2.15PM

This mini concert involves **every** child in Year 2. Children who attend, ukulele, ocarina, violin and recorder clubs will also feature. Children must have their instruments in school on this day. We do hope that you will be able to attend. Please can we ask that you do not arrive too early as we will be unable to let you into the hall as the children will be rehearsing. Many thanks.

Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 17 December

As the majority of our children already have a free school lunch, we will not be asking you to pre-order. The children will order their Christmas lunch in class, on the day. 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 an iced Christmas cookie or a Satsuma. The PTFA will be providing **all** children with a Christmas cracker, regardless of whether they have a school lunch or not.

Please make a note of this date so that your child does not miss this celebratory lunch served by the staff! No other lunch options will be available on this day.

Purbrook Freecycle: Toy/Games Clear Out

If you or any family members will be having a clear out to make room for the new toys that Santa will be bringing, these would be gratefully received by the school and our after school club. Our after school club would also be grateful to receive any bikes that are in good condition that your child has outgrown. Many thanks.

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 (https://studybugs.com/about/parents). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions:

Timetable for this half term was sent out with the 25 October Flier. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: Autumn B Timetable

School closes next Friday at 3.15pm and at 6.00pm for children attending Beehive for the Christmas break. Normal school uniform should be worn on this day. The school will reopen on Monday 06 January at 8.45am. Breakfast club will be open at the normal time of 7.45am for those children attending.

Lunch Menu

Next Week's Menu will be: Week 1. 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.

Yours sincerely

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