



# Purbrook Infant School

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## Friday Flier



### Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our cook, Nicky Brown and her team, for providing all the children who wanted one with an excellent Christmas Lunch. They all thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you too to the PTFA who provided crackers for all the children, even those having a packed lunch.

### Monday 14 December Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa will be coming to school to read a story to all the children. He will of course be following social distancing guidelines as we don't want Santa to have to self-isolate over Christmas!

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. Thank you also to Lesley Parris, the Chair of the PFTA for sourcing and wrapping the Christmas presents.



### Christmas Parties

On the day of their party children can come to school dressed in party clothes. In return we are asking for a contribution of £3 which will go towards the cost of the food. All the children will also be bringing home a bag of chocolate coins for them to eat at home. The parties will take place on the following days:

- **Year R:** Tuesday 15 December
- **Year 2:** Wednesday 16 December
- **Year 1:** Thursday 17 December



### Christmas Decorations

These are now ready. If you would like to purchase your child's decoration these are available for a donation of £1. Please send the money in a named envelope with your child's name on the front and marked "decoration". Please send the money in via your child's class, and **not through the school office**. Please see example decorations below.



Year R



Year 1



Year 2

### Friday 18 December Festive Mufty Day (last day of term):

On this day the children can come to school wearing festive clothing in exchange for a voluntary contribution of £1.

### Change of Menu: Tuesday 15 December

Please note that there will be a change of menu on Tuesday. This will now be either a sausage wrap or a veggie goujon wrap.

### **Christmas Performances**

Unfortunately, this year, we were unable to invite you in to watch our normal Christmas performances. These have still happened, but you will just be able to watch them virtually. These have now been filmed and we are in the editing process. Once they are ready we will send you the links so you are able to watch them. Kelley Duncan, our PTFA Treasurer has kindly set up a "Donate my School" website where you can make a donation if you wish as this is our only means of fundraising this year. We are fundraising for two interactive whiteboards. You can of course send in cash if you wish. Watch this space - staff have also been up to something festive and exciting (virtually).

### **Clubs now finished**

Recorder, ukulele and football club have now finished for this term. They will recommence in January.

### **Discretionary Fund**

We are aware that this pandemic has hit a number of our families (financially) very hard and they now find themselves in a position, through no fault of their own, that they never dreamt they would find themselves in.

If you are currently struggling and would benefit from some support over the Christmas holiday, please complete the following [Discretionary form](#) to give us details by **Monday 14 December 2020**. Please be aware that all information given will be dealt with confidentially, and it will help us ensure that the discretionary funds support those in need.

### **Children being dropped off at the main gate**

We have noticed some parents are dropping their children off at the main gate and letting them walk in by themselves. Our preference is that children are handed over to a member of staff at the door. If you do make the decision to let your child come in unaccompanied, please note that we do not take responsibility for them until they are actually inside the school building.

### **Busy Bees**

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a virtual year group assembly:

**Year R:** Ethan Bell, Leo Biggs, Florence Duffy, Sienna Favata, James Ford, Madison Topliss, James Lumsden, Hallie Pittman and Ezra Wiesner. **Year 1:** Donnie Levesque. **Year 2:** Olivia Chandler, Keira Seymour, Regan Weight, Ava Yakub and Emily Yakub.

### **Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners**

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Robins' Class
- Doves' Class
- Eagles' Class

### **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:**

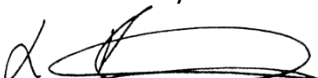
Timetable for this half term has been sent out. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: [Autumn B Timetable](#)

### **Lunch Menu**

Please click on the following link to access the menu online: [menu](#). Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

School closes next Friday, 18 December for the Christmas break. The school will reopen on Monday 04 January at 8.30am for Year 1, 8.45am for Year 2 and 9.00am for Year R. Breakfast club will be open at the normal time of 7.45am for those children attending.

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**