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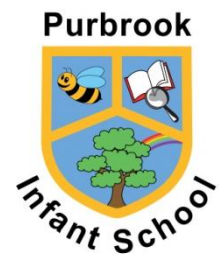


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Friday Flier



Christmas Fayre

A very BIG THANK YOU to Lorraine, the new chair of our PTFA and her small but enthusiastic band of helpers who worked so hard to ensure this event was a great success and a really enjoyable event for many families. I would also like to say thank you to everyone 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.

Thank yous to:

- ❖ J F Goodwillie Ltd who kindly provided us with a greatly discounted Christmas tree which they also delivered free of charge
- ❖ The Co-operative Food in Purbrook for donating 90 oranges needed for the Year 2 Christingle Service

PTFA Christmas Fayre Competition winners were as follows:

Colouring Competition: Year R: Luca Buckley: **Year 1:** Peggy Redman: **Year 2:** Bethany Townsend

How many sweets in the Jar? Charlie Stoyles in Woodpeckers' Class won by guessing 300. There were 301 sweets in the jar

Name the Christmas Elf: Henry Stray in Kingfishers' Class won by guessing the name "Snowflake".

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 have or plan to take photographs or videos at one of our Christmas performances these are for your own use and are not to be shared.

Reminder: Year 2 Christmas Forest School "Winter Wonderland" Monday 12 December

Please come along and explore the forest, enjoy a hot dog and/or hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows for £1 each - 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 inside.

We would like to invite you into our forest where you can search for your child's decoration and make a voluntary contribution to purchase it.

Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate: Monday 12 December

We will be selling these at the Year 2 Winter Wonderland – all year groups are welcome.

Reminder: Class Parties

Once again, we have not asked for requests for individual food items. Instead, we have asked that parents donate £1 which will be used to purchase items for the parties. Party clothes can be worn on these days. The parties will take place on the following days:

- **Year 1:** Wednesday 14 December
- **Year 2:** Thursday 15 December
- **Year R:** Friday 16 December

Children should still order a school lunch or bring in packed lunch

Wednesday 14 December: Last day to post Christmas Cards

Please note that this is the last day for "Christmas Post". The post boxes are closed on Thursday 15 December.



Friday 16 December Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa will be coming to school to read a story to all the children. This year the school 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 previous Chair of the PFTA and member of staff for sourcing and wrapping the Christmas presents.



Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our cook, Claire Hardy and her team, for providing all the children who wanted one with an excellent Christmas Lunch. They all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Staff Changes

Next week we say goodbyes to two members of the school staff. Mrs Ovens, who is one of the teachers in Owls' class will be leaving the school next Wednesday to spend more time with her young family. We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed another great teacher, Mrs Cooper, who will start in January and will work alongside Miss McKelvey. We hope that Mrs Ovens will be a regular visitor to the school.

On Friday we say goodbye to Mrs Hull who will be retiring after working at the school for over 27 years! We are delighted that she will be returning, after a short break, to volunteer at the school, to hear readers, and as our resident handwriting expert, I am sure she will also help out with this! Miss Parris will be taking up the role of Learning Support Assistant in Kestrels' Class.

Friday 16 December Festive Mufty Day

On this day the children can come to school wearing festive a Christmas jumper. Children in Year R can choose to wear either party clothes or a Christmas Jumper.

Lego Club has Finished

A reminder that there will be no Lego Club next week as this has now finished.

Forest School update Autumn B

We have had a very successful half term in the Forest despite the challenging weather conditions! Year 2 have been learning how to use a bow saw safely and we were really impressed with how well they did. They also made music in the Forest which we linked to the book 'The Bear and the Piano' that they have been reading in Book Talk. Year 1 have been exploring weaving with natural materials and also with wool and sticks to make the decorations for our Christmas Tree sculpture in the Forest-hopefully you were able to see this at our Forest School event. Year R have continued to explore the Forest area, they have particularly liked the mud! We made some lovely collages with the beautiful Autumn leaves.

We are looking forward to the Spring Term where we will very soon start to see signs of new growth which is always exciting. Please don't forget to send your child in with warm and waterproof clothing. Part of the ethos of Forest School is that the sessions happen all year round so it is important they are prepared for the weather on the day of their sessions. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Garrett

Busy Bees

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

Year R: Luna Blackburn, Jasmine Dodd, Ernie Hansler-Saunders, Evelyn Martin, Dylan Sowden, Bluebell Spurway, Henry Stray and Oscar Ziya. **Year 1:** Talia Bettam, Bethany Briggs, Llewelyn Gibson, Aurelia Lloyd, Bethany Lyons, Evelyn Mortlock, Nyah Perry, Harrison Proost and Erin Sugrue. **Year 2:** Jasmine Allen, Saffron Brett, Jaimie Harris and Isla McFawn

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Wagtails' Class
- Doves' Class
- Kestrels' 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 was sent out half last term. 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

Next week's menu will be: Week 1. 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, 16 December at 3.15pm or 6.00pm if your child attend Beehive for the Christmas break. The school will reopen on Wednesday 04 January 8.45am, **Tuesday 03 January is an INSET Day**. Breakfast club will be open at the normal time of 7.45am for those children attending.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

