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Friday Flier



PTFA Christmas Markets

Thank you very much to the PTFA members and everyone who volunteered to be 'personal shoppers and present wrappers' at our very busy and successful Christmas market today. The children thoroughly enjoy doing their very own present shopping.

Christmas Tree: Thank you

This year we have been lucky enough to have received a lovely donated Christmas Tree from the Wright Family. This is taking pride of place in the school hall. We would like to say a big thank you to them for their generosity.

Advent Calendars

Thank you to our PTFA for providing all the children with an advent calendar. This was purchased with the funds raised from the "Break the Rules Day" money.

Christmas Post

A reminder that there is a Christmas stocking/post box in **each class** which children can post their Christmas cards for friends and staff **at school**. Please could parents ensure that the cards children send have the recipient's **full name** and their **class** on the envelope. Failure to address cards clearly may mean they do not get delivered!! Please do not hand in cards via the school office. Thank you.



Reminder: Christmas Forest School "Winter Wonderland"

Please come along 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 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. 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.

Year R parents can visit the forest shop on: **Monday 04 December at 3.20pm**

Year 1 parents can visit the forest shop on: **Tuesday 05 December at 3.20pm**

Year 2 parents can visit the forest shop on: **Thursday 07 December at 3.20pm**

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

Other events taking place next week

❖ Pantomime – Monday 04 December – Mufty Day

❖ On this day the children will all see a theatre production performed by a professional company called "Beauty and The Beast". This is being organised by the PTFA and we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 per child to help cover the cost as this is very expensive. All the children will also be provided with a chocolate treat and may come to school dressed in non-school uniform. Please ensure your child has shoes suitable for the playground.

❖ **Tuesday 05 December:** Year R and Year 1 Performances – please refer to letter previously sent out to request tickets

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***Please remember to bring your Christmas production tickets with you on the day
Please bring some change to purchase a programme and for our retiring collection***

Thursday 07 December: PTFA Mufty Day - Donations by year group:

- Year R: sweets/haribo/chewy sweets/lollies
- Year 1: chocolate
- Year 2: bric-a-brac/unused gifts (new/good condition only please)

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing clothes that are suitable for school, for example, no back fastenings and clothes that are warm enough for the playground.

Thursday 07 December: Christmas Lunch

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, and gravy or vegetarian wellington, meat free sausage and gravy. They will be served with roast potatoes, stuffing ball, garden peas, carrots and sprouts! The dessert will be chocolate cracknel or Christmas shortbread.

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.

Santa Fun Run: Monday 11 December

All schools in the local area will be taking part individually in this event. Each class will do a couple of laps of the playground. Please can they come to school wearing trainers. They may, if they wish, come in with a Christmas Jumper, Santa Hat, or other Christmas head decoration which they can wear on the run.



Reminder re VERY Important Date: Thursday 14 December – SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1.15PM

As previously advised, this year we are having our annual fayre on a Thursday at 1.45pm which is resulting in the school closing at 1.15pm. We have done this as it has become increasingly difficult for the PTFA to get enough volunteers to run the stalls and to help tidy up afterwards. In this way all staff are able to run a stall. The children will therefore have lunch at school and we need you to collect them at 1.15pm. The Christmas Fayre will start at 1.45pm.

Please note that the Beehive After School Club will not be running on this day and no charge will be made. This will also affect children who attend from Purbrook Junior School.

Lost Coat in Eagles' Class

A black named Nike coat has gone missing, please can you check at home to see if your child has brought this home by mistake.

Busy Bees

Due to the Christmas Market taking place in the hall there was no assembly this week. Children who received their Busy Bee Stamp this week will be rolled over into next week's assembly.

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 already 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

Next week's menu will be: Week 3. 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.

Yours sincerely



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