

Festive Celebrations Overview



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive season, we are excited to share the plans for activities and celebrations here at Chapelford Village Primary School. We know this can be a very busy time for our families, especially with children in different year groups, so we wanted to support this by communicating all the key dates and events in one newsletter. December is a time full of anticipation and joy for both the children and families and we want to ensure that while we celebrate, we also maintain the routine and structure that is so important for our pupils' learning. In this newsletter, the key dates are highlighted followed by an overview of the different events happening across school in the lead-up to the holidays.

Key dates for the diary:

Date:	Details:
Monday 9 th December	ChaPTA Event: Local Snowman Hunt
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 5 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 6 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
Thursday 12 th December	Year 4 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
Friday 13 th December	Year 3 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
Monday 16 th December	EYFS Nativity – 9.15am
Monday 16 th December	Year 2 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS Nativity – 9.15am
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1 Festive Greetings at 2:45pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 1 panto trip to the Brindley – Aladdin (morning)
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner Day – Whole School
Wednesday 18 th December	ChaPTA Discos for EYFS and Year 3 and 4
Thursday 19 th December	Year 1 and 2/ Year 5 and 6
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day! (Last day of term)

Local Snowman Hunt



ChaPTA have organised a fun, festive-themed event for all the family to take part in around the local area. Families will be challenged with finding different snowmen hidden around Chapelford for a chance to be entered into a raffle to win a prize. This is a great chance to wrap up warm, get active and spend some time with friends and family. More details will be shared by ChaPTA soon.

Festive Greetings

Last year, our Festive Greetings event was a huge success, and we received fantastic feedback from families who enjoyed watching the children sing. We're delighted to announce that we will be continuing this wonderful tradition this year. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will perform a selection of Christmas carols for parents and other family members to come and watch before the end of the school day. This is a non-ticketed event. The gates will be open from 2:45pm and children will be singing in front of the Year 6 building. Please note that teachers will need to take the children back to their classrooms and will see them out from there after the performance. We aim to finish the singing at 3.10pm and see the children out promptly, please bear with us if there are any delays. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support with this.



Performance dates are as follows:

- **Year 1:** 17th December
- **Year 2:** 16th December
- **Year 3:** 13th December
- **Year 4:** 12th December
- **Year 5:** 10th December
- **Year 6:** 11th December

Children should wear their normal school uniform but can choose to add a scarf, hat or festive headband for the occasion if they wish. We hope to see you there to enjoy the festive spirit with us!

EYFS Nativity

Our youngest children will be performing their nativity, A Miracle in Town, on Monday 16th December and Tuesday 17th December at 9.15am. The community entrance will be open from 9am for parents to wait in the warm after drop off. This is always a special occasion, and we are offering a show for siblings in school to attend the week before during the school day. A separate letter has already been sent out, including details of ticket allocations for the event and which day you should attend to watch your child. Please speak to a member of the EYFS team if you require any further information or support with this.

Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday 18th December, we will celebrate our annual Christmas Dinner Day in the school hall. This is a much-loved event, and the festive spirit will be in full swing as the children come together to enjoy a traditional Christmas meal, provided by our wonderful kitchen staff, with their friends. The full menu will be communicated very soon. If your child would like to opt for a school dinner on this day, please remind them closer to the time so they can select it as normal in school and ensure there are sufficient funds in their Parent Pay account. Any children receiving Universal Free School Meals should order as normal.

Winter Discos

The excitement continues with our annual Chapelford Winter Discos! As always, we will invite year groups to come and have an evening of fun, dancing, and celebration with their friends. Children are encouraged to come dressed up in their party clothes. A snack (packet of crisps) and a drink will be provided. If your child has any allergies, their class teacher will be in touch to confirm the appropriate snack.

	4:15pm – 5:15pm	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 18 th December:	EYFS	Year 3 & 4
Thursday 19 th December:	Year 1 & 2	Year 5 & 6

Please note: ChaPTA will be sending out a separate letter with details on how to purchase tickets for your child to attend their respective disco. If you have any further questions regarding the disco, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Religious and Cultural Celebrations

During the week commencing 9th December, Reverend Rebecca Lloyd from our local church will be visiting school to deliver assemblies to our youngest children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 about the Christingle Service and how this is a recognised symbol of the Christian faith.



As part of our ongoing efforts to expand our children's understanding of celebrations across different cultures and religions, we are excited to share that the children will be learning about Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Light. Hanukkah is a vibrant and meaningful celebration that takes place over eight days, and it commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The children will explore the history, traditions, and customs associated with Hanukkah, including the lighting of the Menorah and the playing of the dreidel game.

The children will also be getting creative by making their own Christmas decorations to adorn our school tree ready for the official lighting in our assemblies on Wednesday 4th December! In addition, the children will also be making Christmas cards that they can take home to share with their families.

Christmas Party Day

On the last day of term, we invite all children to come to school in their own clothes. This replaces the National Christmas Jumper day to alleviate any pressures parents feel to buy specific clothing for a day. Children can wear party clothes, festive clothes or clothing in a festive colour, to get into the Christmas spirit! While we love to see the children dressed up for the occasion, we kindly ask parents to ensure that their child wears sensible shoes and clothes appropriate for the warm weather. This will ensure the children are comfortable and safe throughout the day. The day will be filled with festive fun, including traditional party games, watching Christmas movies, completing arts and crafts. After a busy half-term of hard work, it's the perfect way to celebrate the festive period together.

We are looking forward to celebrating the festive season with your child while continuing to focus on their learning and development. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope this holiday season brings joy and happiness to all our families.

Best wishes,

Chapelford Village Primary School

