

# **School News**



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#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### Friday, 6th December - Year 4 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 4 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.



### Friday, 6th December - Year 6 Christmas Sweet Treat Sale 3.25pm on the Playground

Year 6 have the next of their fundraising events on Friday after school on the playground when they will be selling Christmassy sweet treats. All funds raised will go towards their end of year treat and help the Year 6 children to understand budgeting and finance.



# <u>Week Commencing 9th December - PTFA Christmas Gift Shop from 12noon to 1.00pm in the School Library</u>

Children will be able to purchase small gifts for friends and family at our PTFA Christmas Shop being held during lunchtimes week commencing 9th December. Please can children bring money in a labelled purse/wallet and, for the younger children, perhaps consider including a list of who they are buying for and the age of the recipient if appropriate.



# Monday, 9th December - Fledglings Christmas Show at 2.30pm in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Fledglings are invited to join us for their Christmas Show at 2.30pm on 9th December in the school hall.



## <u>Tuesday, 10th December - Fledglings Christmas Show at 9.30pm in the School Hall</u>

Parents and carers of children in Fledglings are invited to join us for their Christmas Show at 9.30am on 10th December in the school hall.



#### Wednesday, 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper (with normal school uniform) on Christmas jumper day. Although we are not asking for suggested donations for this event if you wish to give, please add this to your Christingle collection candle, thank you.



#### Wednesday, 11th December - Christmas Lunch

We will be serving our Christmas lunch to all those who have pre-ordered this. All children, whether having Christmas dinner or a packed lunch, will receive a Christmas cracker provided by the PTFA.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Continued**



### <u>Thursday, 12th December - Christingle Service for Years 3 to 6 at St. Mary's</u> Church, Eastry at 9.30am

Please return your Christingle collection candle by Friday, 13th December - thank you in advance for any generous donation you are able to give. Please can we ask that any children with long hair have this tied up before coming to school.

#### Thursday, 12th December - PTFA Christmas Discos

3.30 to 4.30pm Fledglings, Year 1 & 2

4.45 to 5.45pm Years 3 to 6

All forms need to be returned by Monday, 9th December. Further copies are available from the school office. Please can we remind you of the new drop and collection arrangements this year. Children in Fledglings, Year 1 & 2 to be collected from the reception area. Please wait outside for your child to be released to you. Children in Year 3 to 6 should be dropped via the Year 3 entrance at 4.45pm, the gate in the bottom playground will be open. They should then be collected at

#### Friday, 13th December - Year 3 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

5.45pm from the reception area. Please wait outside for your child to be released to you.

Parents and carers of children in Year 3 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.



Monday, 16th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play at 2.30pm in the School Hall



Tuesday, 17th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play at 9.30am in the School Hall

#### Tuesday, 17th December - Christmas Craft Workshop 2.30 to 4.30pm in the School Hall

We have our Christmas Craft Workshop for those parents who have signed up for this event.

#### Wednesday, 18th December - Christmas in Malawi

On Wednesday, 18th December we have Chris from Starfish Malawi visiting the school to talk to the children about Christmas in Malawi.

#### Friday, 20th December - Last Day of Term

#### Sunday, 22nd December - Family Christmas Service 3.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Eastry



Children with their families, carers and friends, are warmly invited to our special Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church, Eastry at 3.00pm on Sunday, 22nd December.

#### **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**



#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

St. Mary's Church, Eastry are holding a Christmas Tree Festival this year where local clubs, schools and business have been invited to decorate a tree to be displayed in the church. We were very excited to have been asked to decorate one of the trees which will be dressed by some of the decorations made by the children for our own school Christmas tree. The Festival starts on Saturday, 14th December from 11am and on the

first day there will also be a free children's craft stall where children can make a Christmas decoration to take home. The church will also be open as usual in the week from 9am until dusk if you would like to see the festival but are unable to make it on opening day.

#### Free Security Marking for Bikes or Valuables

Thanks to a kind donation from Eastry Neighbourhood Watch, we have a supply of security UV Marker pens and a few UV torches for parents who may like to mark their valuables with their address or telephone number which can only be seen under UV light. Your child may be hoping for a new bike or electrical item for Christmas this year and, if lucky enough to receive this, it may be something you might like to securely mark. Pens and torches are available from the school office on a 'first come, first served' basis and must be collected by an adult.

#### **Santa Delivery Service**

Eastry Fire Station are again helping Santa to deliver presents to children in the local area. If you would like them to visit you please provide a present at Bickers Post Office with your name, address, contact telephone number and cost of delivery which is £3.00 per present.

Delivery to Betteshanger, Eythorne, Ash and Sandwich will be from 3.30pm on Saturday, 21st December and delivery to Woodnesborough and Eastry will be from 3.30pm on Sunday, 22nd December. All funds raised go to the Firefighters Charity and presents need to be delivered to Bickers Post Office by 4pm on Thursday, 19th December.

# HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

### Support For Parents Of Children Who Don't Sleep Well

Great Ormond Street hospital have some very helpful advice and downloads on their website giving parents ideas and support with helping their child improve their sleep and bedtime routine (sleep hygiene). These can be found at; https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/procedures-and-treatments/sleep-hygiene-children/

Kind regards

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Mrs Sarah Moss Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 9.12.2024	
MONDAY	
Poetry Club (3.30-4.00pm)	YES
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	YES
Home Learning Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	YES
Dance & Gymnastics Club	
(3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
THURSDAY	
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	YES
FRIDAY	



