Christmas at FJS

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As this year marks a return to many of our traditional Christmas celebrations, I thought I would share our plans for the festive season so that everyone knows about the different activities and events.

First of all, here are some important dates for your diary!

Wednesday, 30th November – 4H Class Assembly at 9:00am will have a wintry theme!

Wk beginning: 28/11/22 – arrival of our Christmas tree – to be set up in the hall and decorated!

- Nativity scene created in our Library

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From Friday, 2nd December tickets for the Christmas Bingo will be available from the school office – price: £1 per ticket

Tuesday, 6th December – The Y5/6 Choir will perform their Christmas songs – parents/carers are invited to be an audience at 4:00pm before collecting the children at the usual time of 4:15pm

Thursday, 8th December – Christmas Dinner will be served in the canteen – price is £2:45. Please pay on 'School Money'.

Nationally, it is **Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day** – children are welcome to take part and if you would like to donate please do so online directly to the charity. We will **not be asking for any money.** Please note: the Infants are joining in with this event on the Friday.

Wednesday, 14th December – Santa Dash – during the school day, children will be encouraged to wear something festive (eg a Santa Hat) and join in with a 'fun run' on our playground – weather permitting! This is just for fun – we are not asking for any money!

Wednesday, 14th December – an evening performance of 'A Dancing Christmas Party' starts at

7:00pm - Y3 and Y4 drama club will perform for their parents.

There will be a 'collection bucket' on the night – but tickets are free!

Monday, 12th December – MUFTI (Own Clothes Day) in exchange for a donation of chocolate for the Christmas Bingo – thank you in advance!

Thursday, 15th December – Hobgoblin Theatre Company will be performing 'A Christmas Carol' in school (2 performances in the morning). We are not asking for any payment towards the cost.

Thursday, 15th December – FJS Christmas Bingo and Play Your Cards Right! Eyes Down from 7:00pm! Don't forget your dabbers!

Friday, 16th December – Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Disco Parties! DJ Gary will be setting up in the hall for a disco and party games. Children may come to school in their party clothes (think carefully about footwear and remember coats!) They are also allowed to bring a 'party plate' – snacks on a plate covered in tin-foil/cling film, named and not to be shared. Please do not send any snacks containing nuts.



Monday, 19th December - Year 3 and 4 Parties – will be held in the afternoon. Children may come to school in their party clothes (think carefully about footwear and remember coats!) They are also allowed to bring a 'party plate' – snacks on a plate covered in tin-foil/cling film, named and not to be shared. Please do not send any snacks containing nuts.

Tuesday, 20th December – Christmas Assembly – before we finish at 2:00pm – children may wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy!

Our younger pupils will be invited to listen to some Christmas stories from a very special visitor during December – sparing a few moments from his busy schedule!

We will be calling on selected children to help decorate our tree and shared spaces and each class will have its own decorations too!

There will be some additional surprises along the way – including Mrs Newell's Festive FJS Movies!

Our Christmas Bingo will be our main fundraiser – tickets cost £1 each and bingo cards can be bought on the night – with raffle tickets and a 'tuck shop' too! Here is the running order...



Finally, the children have suggested that instead of sending Christmas cards into school it would be nice to make a donation to your favourite charity and be more environmentally friendly. The School Council also suggested that children could make a card of their own and send it to their whole class so that the teachers can display the cards in their classrooms.

In the same spirit, staff will be donating gifts to the Radio City Christmas Appeal rather than taking part in a 'Secret Santa.'

Above all, we would like to wish you all the best during this holiday season and hope that you get to spend some time with the people you love.