



Friday 6th December 2019

The Grove Valer

Christmas Fayre

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre last night - it was a super evening. In total (including all Christmas donations and the Christmas shop) we raised an amazing **£2847!** This will be spent developing our forest school area, contributing to building an outdoor classroom.

A special mention to Mrs Tucker and Miss Day for their hard work transforming the school library into Santa's grotto, it looked amazing! A big thank you to Mr Dodd, Mrs Hunt and Mr Thomas, for organising, setting up and clearing away. We are very lucky to have such a committed PFA, Emma and the team did a fantastic job organising and co-ordinating the event, giving up their time for the school once again.

After School Club

Can we please remind parents whose children attend after school club. The club is closed on the last day of school Friday 20-12-19.

Please make arrangements for children to be collected at 3.25/3.30pm.

Little Valers and Reception Nativity

We would like to invite parents and carers with children in classes RH, RGB and Little Valers into school on Tuesday 10th December @ 9.15am and Wednesday 11th December @ 2.30pm to watch The Nursery Rhyme Nativity. Due to fire regulations we are only permitted to have a certain number in the halls at one time. Each child will be able to have 2 adults per performance, this will be checked on the door as you arrive. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to the reception or pre-school staff.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

Can we please remind all parents that school **will be closed to all pupils** on **Thursday 12th December**, as school is being used a polling station in the General Election.



POLAR EXPRESS THEME DAY

Today, children have been given their golden ticket to the Grove Vale Polar express. On **Monday**

16th December we are having our whole school Polar Express theme day. For this we ask that the children can wear their pyjamas and slippers (however they must bring suitable shoes to wear outside).

The day will begin with staff sharing extracts from the book in class. Throughout the day the pupils will then take part in a variety of activities: Christmas themed art activities and writing activities (Christmas list, letter to Father Christmas, post-card from the North Pole, arctic poem, diary from an elf, descriptive writing). The children will also watch the film whilst enjoying a delicious hot chocolate treat! *If you do not want your child to have the hot chocolate drink, please inform school.*

Christmas Post

The Christmas post-box is now open within school. Children may send Christmas cards to friends and teachers within the school, can we please ask that all cards are clearly labelled with children's names and classes (class lists will be sent home). Can we also say that if children/families would prefer to make a donation of food (instead of sending cards) to the local food bank we would be happy to facilitate this.



Cake sale

At playtime on Monday we will be selling all the cakes that we didn't sell at the Christmas Fayre. Children need to bring a contribution of a silver coin for a cake!



Monday 9th December @ 9am	Year 5 to Q3 to watch Panto
Tuesday 10th December @ 9.15am	Little Valers and reception Nativity to parents
Wednesday 11th December @ 2.30pm	Little Valers and reception Nativity to parents
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Dinner day
Thursday 12th December	SCHOOL CLOSED—POLLING DAY
Friday 13th December	Year 1 Church Visit
Friday 13th December @ 1.30pm	Year 2 PANTS talk
Monday 16th December	Polar Express theme day—non uniform day—pupils wear pyjamas.
Monday 16th December 4pm	Christmas Choir performance to parents
Tuesday 17th December @ 2.30pm	Years 3 and 4 carol service—parents welcome
Wednesday 18th December @ 9.15am	Years 5 and 6 carol service—parents welcome
Wednesday 18th December @ 2.30pm	Year 3 Christmas Cornet concert to parents
Thursday 19th December 9am & 2pm	End of term assemblies
Friday 20th December	Party day—non-uniform (party clothes)
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Spring term start—pupils back to school
Monday 6th January	Reception to visit the library
Tuesday 7th January	Reception to visit the library
Friday 10th January @ 2.30pm	Year 6 Gods and mortals parent showcase
Monday 13th January	Reception to visit the library
Monday 13th January am	Year 6 CPR and bleed control workshop
Tuesday 14th January	Reception to visit the library
Friday 17th January	Launch of school bank
Tuesday 21st January	Fit 4 Kids workshop
Friday 1st February	Break up for half term
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher training day.

