

December dates and events

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following lots of very positive feedback on the dates and events letter I sent out earlier this term, the primary team have agreed to continue compiling all the information we can to keep it in one place and give you as much information as we can. We are busily working on plans for Spring term, which we will share with you in the new year. However, as we approach December and a very busy time of year, I'd like to take the opportunity to share all of the information and plans we have for December. Some of it is reminders that were included in our earlier letter, some is new information.

Class assembly date for the year: NB All class assemblies will start at 3pm on the date below. Please arrive at reception at 2.50pm. We will open the black gates near the hall to welcome you in that way.

Autumn term (confirmed)

- Wednesday 23rd November: Nile Class (y3)
- Wednesday 7th December: Seal Class (y2)

Dates for Spring / Summer will be included in Spring letter but those planned for January are below:

- Wednesday 11th January: Pacific Class (y6)
- Monday 30th January: Octopus Class (y1)

December dates for all primary pupils:

Friday 2nd December - Sponsored Danceathon.

Danceathon – in aid of Primary ‘Dancelive!’ – is approaching! The letter to invite children to collect sponsorship for the event has gone out. Please see previous letter for sponsorship information. Everyone will take part in the event regardless of sponsorship and while we will encourage everyone to join in, no one will be forced to! The staff are already polishing off their dancing shoes and getting ready; this will be an event that all of primary take part in as one group. On the date of the danceathon, all children are invited to come to school wearing their dancing clothes; children can wear PE kits or their own choice of sports clothes along with plimsoles or trainers. Children **should not wear football kits** though please.

Monday 5th December – Christmas homework

In the week beginning 5th December, all year groups will send out their Christmas project homework. This should be handed in by Monday 9th January.

Thursday 8th December – yR Christmas Nativity

Year R children will be performing their Christmas Nativity at 2.30pm. There is a limit of **4 people maximum per child** to attend the performance. Places do not need to be booked in advance.

Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day

All children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper in support of the charity ‘Save the Children’. They should be in normal school uniform other than their jumpers replacing their blazers for the day. A donation of £1 is encouraged – buckets will be on the gates in the morning. Children can wear jumpers to replace their blazers for the day – all other uniform should be as usual.

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Friday 9th December – Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 9th December from 3-6pm with free entry. We will be including some carol singing as part of this event, which families will be invited to join in with.

Weeks beginning 5th and 12th December – Christmas arrives in Primary!

For the final two weeks of this term, each primary year group will be allocated a Christmas or winter themed text which they will base their English on and will use as a stimulus for learning activities for the fortnight.

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner

All primary children are invited to have a Christmas roast dinner on Wednesday 14th December. This will be served by teachers in the main hall during lunch time. Christmas dinner will be provided for free to all primary children although there is a voluntary contribution payment that can be made by any parents of y3-6 children to help fund the dinners if anyone wishes to contribute. An email will be sent to parents of y3-6 children with further details on any dietary requirements. Children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers for the day (along with their school uniform – jumpers can replace blazers) if they would like to.

Thursday 15th December – Carols round the tree

All children and parents are invited to join us back at school from 5-6pm. The Salvation Army Band will be here to accompany the carols. Everyone is welcome – please come along! If the weather is good, we will be outside by the tree; if the weather is bad, we will be in the main hall. There will be a food bank donation drop off available for anyone who would like to bring a donation of non-perishable food items and/or money collections by the Salvation Army during the event.

Friday 16th December – Last day of term half day

Please be advised that there will be an early close on the final day of term. **All primary children will leave school at 12.45pm** after they have had their lunch. There will not be any extracurricular or afterschool provision. Autumn term reports will be sent home in book bags with the children.

Remaining dates for year group parents to come in to share the children's learning:

Year 1: - Tuesday 13th December 2.45pm - parents invited in to share the children's work

Year 3: - Tuesday 6th December 2.45pm - parents invited in to share the children's work

Year 5: - Tuesday 29th November: 2.45pm – parents invited in to share the children's work

While we will do our very best not to change dates for these events, we are a big school with a huge amount of pupils and events to coordinate, so please be understanding if we have to change dates. It would only be as a last resort and we will try to avoid it wherever possible.

Thank you, as always, for your support

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