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November 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas Events

PTFA Christmas Discos – Friday 27th November **Key Stage 1 (3:15pm to 4:15pm) Key Stage 2 (4:25pm to 5:30pm)**

Tickets for the PTFA Christmas disco will be available to purchase at the end of the school day from the gazebo on Wednesday, 18th, Thursday, 19th and Friday, 20th November. The cost of the ticket is £3 and includes a tasty hot dog and drinks. If you would like a vegetarian hot dog, please let us know when purchasing the tickets.

If you are unable to be at the gazebo, please let the office have your child's details and money, and whether or not they require a vegetarian hot dog before the end of Tuesday, 24th November.

Glow sticks will be available to purchase at the disco for 20p.

PTFA Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be distributed to the youngest member of each family only. They cost £1 each (£5 a book). Please return all monies with completed counterfoils and/or unused raffle tickets by Thursday, 3rd December. More are available on the day of the Christmas Fayre should you require.

PTFA Christmas Fayre – Friday, 4th December

The Christmas Fayre is the first major fund raising event of the school year by the PTFA. It will take place on Friday, 4th December between **3:15pm and 5pm**. Our school choir will also be performing at 4pm – please could parents of children in the choir bring them to the main school hall at 3:55pm for a prompt start.

Year 6

We would like Class 6 pupils to help run stalls – they will also have the opportunity to spend money at the Fayre. Please indicate on the slip attached that you are happy for your child to help and who will be collecting them from their classroom door at 5pm. Reply slips should be returned by Thursday, 26th November.

Parent Helpers

Helpers will be required from 2pm until 5:30pm, this will include setting up, running stalls and clearing away. Please indicate on the slip attached which times you are available to help. There will



be a list of stalls kept in the school office nearer the time. Please speak to a member of the PTFA for further details. Please return the attached slip by Thursday, 26th November.

KS1 Christmas Play – Tuesday, 8th and Wednesday, 9th December at 2:30pm

Children in Years 1 and 2 will be very busy practising for their Nativity. This year, the performance will take place in the school hall on Tuesday, 8th and Wednesday, 9th December at 2:30pm. Both performances will be finishing at approximately 3:00pm.

Pre-school children may attend if you are not able to make alternative childcare arrangements, however, we do request that should the children become noisy you take them out of the hall so that the children taking part in the Nativity are not distracted and the audience is not disturbed.

Tickets will be limited to two per family, per performance (you may of course come to both performances). If you do require more tickets please indicate this on the form attached and if possible we shall issue extra tickets closer to the time, this of course is dependent on initial requests.

The slip attached must be completed and returned to school by Friday, 27th November. Tickets for the performance will be issued and must be presented in order to gain entry.

'Jack and the Beanstalk' Pantomime – Thursday, 10th December

This year 'West End in Schools' will be bringing the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to life complete with catchy songs, dancing and lots of joining in to engage and inspire the children. Thank you again to the PTFA for funding this Christmas treat for all our children to enjoy in the school hall.

Year R Christmas 'Stay and Play' – Monday, 14th December

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the parents and carers of children in Class R to join us on **Monday 14th December 2015 from 2pm onwards until the end of the school day**, when the children will be undertaking all sorts of Christmas crafts and activities in the classroom. We would like you (or another family member) to join your child in the classroom and work with them to complete these fun activities. Please wear suitable clothes as some of the activities could be a little messy! We would also ask that only adults attend, not younger siblings, allowing you to work and play with your child in Reception.

Please return the slip below by Tuesday, 1st December, informing us who will be coming to work with your child. We look forward to spending the afternoon with you celebrating Christmas.

KS2 Carol Concert – Tuesday, 15th December

The children in classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 are preparing a special Christmas concert for you all. This will take place in the village church on Tuesday, 15th December at 1:45pm and 6pm.

The afternoon service will finish at approximately 2:35pm. For parent/carers not attending the afternoon concert their children will be walked back to school and dismissed via the classrooms at 3:15pm. Children will not be taking bags to the church for the afternoon performance so if your child is not returning to school prior to dismissal and they have packed lunch please could they bring their lunch in a disposable bag on that day.

The evening service will commence at 6pm and we would ask that nobody arrives before 5:45pm. Please also bring a torch in the evening as there is no lighting within the churchyard and the torches really add to the Christmas atmosphere! The service will finish at approximately 6:45pm. Please only



complete the slip attached if anyone OTHER than the child's Parent/Carer will be collecting him/her at the end of the evening performance.

Every child's contribution is immensely valuable and important for both performances. ALL children are, therefore, expected to attend the evening performance, wearing their usual school uniform. Thank you for your support in this. We ask that you advise the class teacher, in writing, by Tuesday, 1st December if your child is unable to attend.

We will not be issuing tickets for either performance.

For information the children will be walking to the church on the morning of Monday, 14th December for rehearsal.

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday, 16th December

Whole School Meals have issued their Christmas week menu which includes a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 16th December. Parents are asked to indicate in advance which days their child[ren] will be having cooked school meals that week. For children in Key Stage 2 please send payment in with the slip. Slips should be completed and returned by Wednesday, 2nd December - see menu attached.

Party Day – Thursday, 17th December

We will be hosting our annual class Christmas parties during Thursday, 17th December.

We would be most grateful if each child could bring in some food to share with their class. Please remember **no nuts** as we have children with nut allergies.

Please note school uniform is to be worn as usual.

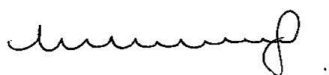
End of Term -Friday, 18th December

The last day of term is Friday, 18th December and children will be dismissed at 2pm.

First day of Term 4

The children return to school on Tuesday, 5th January 2016.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



KS2 Christmas Carol Concert (Only return if Parent/Carer not attending)

Return by Monday, 1st December

Name of Child Class

*I/We shall be unable to attend the carol concert on Tuesday, 15th December at 6pm and confirm that will be collecting my child at 6:45pm.

Signed (Parent/Carer)

KS1 Nativity

Return by Friday, 27th November

Name of Child Class

"I/We shall be attending the Christmas Production on Tuesday, 8th December at 2:30pm and require seats (Maximum 2)

*I/We shall be attending the Christmas Production on Wednesday, 9th December at 2:30pm and require seats (Maximum 2)

*I/We would like extra tickets if possible for *Tuesday, 8th December/*Wednesday, 9th December performance.

*Please delete as appropriate

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Reception Class – Stay and Play

Return by Tuesday, 1st December

Name of child :

Name of adult attending:

Relationship to child:

Signed (Parent/Carer)



CHRISTMAS FAYRE – YEAR 6 HELPERS ONLY

Return by Thursday, 26th November

Child's Name

(Please tick) - My child is in Year 6 and I give permission for him/her to assist in running a stall at the Fayre.

.....will be collecting at 5pm from class 6.

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE - VOLUNTEER HELPERS

Return by Thursday, 26th November

Name _____

email _____

* "I can help out on the day at the following times..."

| 2-3:15pm (Set-up) | 3:15 -4:15pm | 4:15-5pm | 5-5:30pm (Tidy-up) |
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* "Sorry, I can't help on the day, but I can do preparation work / the following..."

(* please delete as appropriate)

Name: Signature:

