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More Christmas Updates

Christmas Performance tickets

Spare Christmas performance tickets for Years 1-6 are now available to buy at a small charge of 50p **direct from the school office**.

Morning performances start at 9:30 am and afternoon performances start at 1:45 pm. Parents are asked to enter the hall by the side door (opposite the Nursery entrance). The doors will open 10 minutes before the performance begins and parents are asked not to arrive before this. Raffle tickets will be available for sale at each performance for our Christmas raffle.

We have taken the decision that because we have so many children who are not able to be filmed or photographed, for legal and safeguarding reasons, we ask that no parents record or photograph the performances and have mobile phones switched off. Please could this message be passed on to any additional family members who are attending. School staff will take individual photos of children in their costumes next to the Christmas tree so that there is a record which we will send home for parents

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will happen in the afternoons during the last week of term. School will provide party snacks again this year.

Children should come to school on their party day wearing their

party clothes. Please can we ask that children have warm clothing and that they do not wear high heels because they will be having outdoor playtimes. EYFS details will have been sent out in a separate letter from the EYFS team.

Monday 19 December	Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 20 December	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 21 December	Years 5 and 6

Christmas Closure

The last day for pupils will be **Thursday 22 December**. School will close at **2:00 pm** and there will be no after school club on that day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school instead of their school jumper on the last day. School do have a small pre-loved stock of Christmas jumpers thanks to the generosity of our parents, available free from Mrs Barratt in the school office.

Scarlet Fever and Streptococcal Infections

With this newsletter are two additional letters from the local authority, including one from the local director of health about streptococcal infections with information explaining what they are, what symptoms to look for and what actions to take. If your child does receive a diagnosis, please also inform school. In the meantime we continue to reinforce good hand-washing in school and maintain our Covid cleaning regimes.

Esafety Advice

One of the many safeguarding concerns that keeps resurfacing, is the number of children who are accessing inappropriate games, films and TV shows. We have recently had to contact the safeguarding team for advice after hearing that several lower key stage two children had been playing Grand Theft Auto and Fortnite. Grand Theft auto is rated as an adult game because it contains gang violence, nudity, extremely coarse language, and drug and alcohol abuse. When children access age inappropriate content it can have a lasting and damaging effect on their mental health and well being. The game Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12. This means it is only suitable for children of 12 years and over. We would expect that no children in our school should have access to either of these games either at home or at a party.

Diary Dates

12.12.22
Y4-6 Performances
13.12.22
EYFS Stay and Play
14.12.22
Y1-3 Performances
15.12.22
Christmas Dinner
16.12.22
Pantomime Visit

A full list of dates is available via the school website calendar.

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