

Thought for the day: 'Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts.' - Albert Einstein.

Christmas Celebrations

We want to make the run up to Christmas as special and as celebratory as we can for the children. In this newsletter, you will read about all the events and arrangements both the school and the PSA are putting in place for the children and wider school community at Christmas. Let's make it a special one for all the right reasons!

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 9th December

Details about this year's Christmas lunch were sent out earlier this week in a letter. If you have not done so already, please can you complete the reply slips before returning them to the school tomorrow. On the day, all children will receive a cracker, courtesy of the PSA.

Theatre Production of *Dick Whittington*

This year, we will have our traditional pantomime. Oh yes, we will! On Thursday 10th December, we be watching a streamed version of *Dick Whittington*, produced by the Market Theatre actors.

Christmas Party Day

On Thursday 17th December, each class will be having a class party afternoon, to celebrate Christmas and the end of term. Teachers will be sending further information out to parents nearer the time for what parents can help to provide. All parties will be held within the class bubbles and will be Covid-safe. Please note: This will also be a wear a Christmas jumper, or non-uniform, day.

Sharing Christmas cards

This year, we are allowing Christmas cards to be shared, but ask that they are limited to class bubbles only, i.e. pupils can give cards to the children and staff within their class bubble.

Christmas productions

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our usual Christmas productions this year. Like Harvest, however, each class will be making its own Christmas video which will be emailed to parents.

PSA news

This term, the parents' association is working hard to lift everyone's spirits by ensuring that, despite what is going on in the wider world, the school community is united and the children and parents will have some fun.

Don't forget to enter the **Zoom Bingo Night** on Saturday 21st November, at 5:30pm. Please hand your slips in so that tickets can be returned to you. There will be 4 games, with chocolate and cash prizes to be won. The host is Eddy Selby. Tickets are £5 per family.

The PSA is holding a **Children's Christmas Shop**, this year, and would like to give every child an opportunity to wrap 1 present up for a parent. The children will choose a gift from the stall and wrap it up in the classroom. All materials provided.

There will be an optional suggested donation of £2. The PSA would like for anybody who is not in a position to donate, to still have the opportunity this Christmas, after this tough year.

The **Children's Christmas Shop** will run on the following dates:

Monday 30th November - Nursery & Reception

Tuesday 1st December - Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 2nd December - Years 3 and 4

Thursday 3rd December - Years 5 and 6

If your child has been joining in the **Smartie challenge**, no matter how full the tube is, could we ask you to hand them in to the school on Tuesday 1st December please?

Thank you so much for your efforts. We hope you got some much-needed help around the house!

This year, we will be asking for donations of **Christmas jumpers**, that your children have grown out of, to be put up on our Facebook page, so that someone else in the school could benefit from it. This may be by receiving it for free or through an optional donation to the PSA. Then, in turn, if a jumper comes up that you require, you simply comment beneath the jumper picture on the website and arrange for collection. This will be in preparation for a **non-uniform day on 17th December**.

The PSA will be hosting a **Christmas cake sale** on Monday 14th December. All cake donations will be appreciated. 50p per cake. Again, if you are not in a position to donate, your child will still receive a cake.

Christmas non-uniform day, or wear a Christmas jumper, on Thursday 17th December. Opportunity to wear a Christmas jumper /attire/own clothes for £1 donation.

12 Days of Christmas raffle The PSA is on the hunt for raffle prizes at the moment, so that we can conduct a Christmas raffle, with a prize announced for 12 days **in a row**, in December. Tickets will be £1. Please let us know if you can help.

If you have questions about any of the events listed above, please speak with your class PSA rep.

Thank you for wearing masks

We just wanted to thank all the parents that have responded to our request to wear facemasks on the school grounds.

Also, a reminder that pupils should bring a minimum of things in to school each day. Packed lunches, water bottle, reading book and PE kit is all they need.

We thank parents for their continued support, as we endeavour to minimise the risks from Covid-19.



Dates for the Autumn term

Monday 30 th November	PSA Children's Christmas Shop for Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 1 st December	PSA Children's Christmas Shop for Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 2 nd December	Flu vaccination catch up session
Wednesday 2 nd December	PSA Children's Christmas Shop for Years 3 and 4
Thursday 3 rd December	PSA Children's Christmas Shop for Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 4 th December	School closed for Occasional Day
Thursday 10 th December	<i>Dick Whittington</i> - streamed by the Market Theatre.
Monday 14 th December	PSA Christmas Cake Sale
Thursday 17 th December	Class party afternoon
Thursday 17 th December	PSA Wear a Christmas jumper/ Non uniform day
Friday 18 th December	<i>Term ends at the current, staggered collection time for your child's class.</i>

Spring Term 2021Monday 4th JanuaryTuesday 5th January15th - 19th FebruaryFriday 26th March

School closed for Inset Day

Pupils return to school

Half-term

Last day of term

Summer Term 2021Monday 12th AprilTuesday 13th AprilMonday 3rd May31st May - 4th JuneMonday 7th JuneFriday 2nd JulyThursday 22nd July

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Pupils return to school

May Bank Holiday

Half-term

School closed for Inset Day

School closed for Inset Day

Last day of term

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