

Thought for the day: 'Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before.' - Bonnie Blair.



Milk and fruit/veg for the Spring term

A reminder that all orders for milk and/or fruit and veg should have been received. If your child would like to have either of these during the Spring term, and you have not ordered it yet, please ensure that you advise the school office before Tuesday 8th December.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 9th December

Details about this year's Christmas lunch were sent out some time ago. If your child does want to have a school Christmas packed lunch, and you have not done so already, please let the school office know as a matter of urgency. 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, children we be watching a streamed version of *Dick Whittington*, produced by the Market Theatre actors.

Santa Dash

This year, we have decided to participate in the 'Santa Dash' which will be held on Friday 11th December. We understand that circumstances are very different this year, but we still would like to promote the magic of Christmas. Each class will have their own outdoor activity at separate times of the day, and we would like to encourage the children to join in wearing a Santa Hat or festive headwear.

Christmas Party Afternoon

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. **Nursery parents**, please note that Nursery pupils should attend in the afternoon of party day and not the morning, ie, 1.00 - 3.25pm.

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.

Donations of books and games

As we head into winter, donations of books would be welcome to update and enhance class library shelves. Also, donations of suitable games or puzzles etc, that could be used during a wet play would be gratefully received. Thank you.

We will take appropriate measures, to make sure that any items received were then cleaned, or quarantined, as necessary, before use in classrooms.

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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.

This year, we will be asking for **Christmas jumper** donations, that your children have grown out of to be put up on the PSA 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. There is a suggested donation of 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

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.
Friday 11 th December	Santa Dash
Monday 14 th December	PSA Christmas Cake Sale
Thursday 17 th December	PSA Wear a Christmas jumper/ Non uniform day
Thursday 17 th December	Class party afternoon
Friday 18 th December	Term ends at the current, staggered collection time for your child's class.

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 th January	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Pupils return to school
15 th - 19 th February	Half-term
Friday 26 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 th April	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 13 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday
31 st May - 4 th June	Half-term
Monday 7 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Friday 2 nd July	School closed for Inset Day
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of term

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