

*'Thought for the day: 'Christmas will only be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand.' Dr Seuss.'*

### Children get ready for Christmas productions

Rehearsals for the Christmas productions are well underway. The Early Years and infant classes will have separate performances from the juniors. There will be a small charge for attendance at these performances - £2 for children of primary school age and £4.00 for everyone else. All the money raised will go towards school improvements. Tickets are on sale now! A raffle will be drawn for a Christmas hamper at the final evening performance. Tickets for this hamper raffle, which cost £1.00 per strip. You will find tickets for the performances and raffle on schoolcomms, or you can come into the office and pay cash.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2:15pm and 6.30pm, Nursery to Year 2**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2:15pm and 6.30pm, Years 3 to 6**

### Party Day - this Friday

On Friday, each class will be having a class party afternoon, to celebrate Christmas and the end of term. 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 the party day and not the morning, ie, 1pm - 3.15pm.

### Santa Dash -moved to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

After the success of last year's Elf Dash, this year, we have decided to participate in the 'Santa Dash' which will be held now on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We would like to encourage the children to join in wearing a Santa hat or any festive headwear.

### Sports fixtures for next term

Date	Sport	Vs	Location	Teams
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Football	William Ransom	William Ransom	A and B
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Netball	Highover	Highover	A and B
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Netball	St Andrews	Purwell	A
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Football	St Andrews	St Andrews	A
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Netball	William Ransom	William Ransom	A and B
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Netball	Samuel Lucas	Samuel Lucas	A and B

### PSA upcoming events

#### **Purwell Christmas Disco**

On Friday, after the class parties in the afternoon, the children will be able to come back to school to enjoy the PSA Christmas Disco, 5-7pm. All your Christmas Fayre favourites will be on show, but in a disco party atmosphere! The tickets will be £3.50 for primary child aged children.

### School closures - Winter 2022/23

As part of the school's planning for emergencies, parents are reminded that incidents that necessitate school closure include such things as extreme weather and loss of essential electrical, water or heating services. Details of school closures will be texted to parents via Schoolcomms. They will also be displayed on Twitter.

On days when the weather conditions are poor, but the school is open, parents are advised to walk to school, if possible, and, for those driving, it is advisable to park on Purwell Lane or Kingswood Avenue and walk the remainder. We hope you appreciate that the decision to close is never made lightly, as the safety and welfare of our children, school staff and parents/carers is of paramount importance, and no one would like to see this compromised.

## School Office

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is the last day that money can be paid into the school office this term. This includes dinner money.

## Reading at home over Christmas

Over Christmas, please ensure that you hear your child read regularly at home and that this is recorded in their reading record books. The record books are the only indication that your child is having regular opportunities to read to an adult. Comments in the books that relate to the child's phonological progress and comprehension are the most useful for teachers to read.

## St Faiths Christmas Services

Saturday 17 December at 2.30pm - Carols and Cake  
Saturday 24 December at 4.00pm - Carols at the crib  
Christmas Day at 10.00am - Holy Communion with Carols

## Dates for Autumn Term 2022

### December

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas class party afternoon and Non-uniform day/Christmas jumpers PSA Christmas Disco, 5-7pm, £3.50 a ticket.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	EYFSKS1 Christmas production (afternoon 2:15pm and evening 6.30pm)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas production (afternoon 2:15pm and evening 6:30pm)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Santa Dash am 1:30pm Christmas assembly with carol singing and the Reverend Melanie. <b>UPDATED.</b>

**Term ends at 2pm**

## **Dates for Spring Term 2023**

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school
13 <sup>rd</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-term
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closed for Inset Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term (2pm finish)

## **Dates for Summer Term 2023**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Bank Holiday
29 <sup>th</sup> May-2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half-term
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed for Inset Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term (2pm finish)