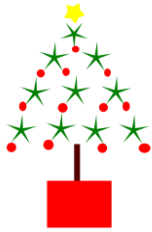




Dear Families

This week our Robins have been busy getting ready for Christmas; practising their play and starting to decorate their room. Our Woodpeckers have been writing descriptions about 'A Cottage in the Wood' as well as making snowflakes for their super 'winter display'. Pupils in our Kingfisher class have been instruction writing and dividing using a chunking method and our Owls have been making Christmas Stars as well as researching Christianity in Anglo Saxon times. Finally, end of term Assessments have taken place throughout the school this week.

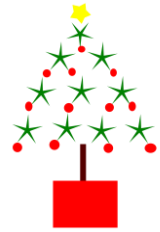


Our 2016 Christmas Fayre

When? Friday 9th December 2016

Where? The Village Hall

Time? 2pm – 3.30pm



Can you please help us? We are desperately in need of donations for our Christmas Fayre:

Books & good bric-à-brac; Chocolates or other sweets, eg. lollipops, moams, haribos etc for prizes, cans of drink / chocolate oranges or similar for hoopla prizes, Jam jars filled with small sweets or interesting treats (e.g. hair bands, rubbers, bracelets, pencils, bouncy balls ...); Bottles of wine (for wine/water stall) Teddies for the teddy bear tombola.

We are in particular need of filled jars for our Jar Tombola, bottles of wine and cans of fizzy drink / Cadburys chocolate oranges / small boxes of chocolates for our hoopla stall – thank you.

We would really appreciate you leaving any cake donations in the Reception Foyer on Friday morning

With many thanks Owls

PTA update

Thank you to everyone that supported the PTA Autumn quiz on 19th November which raised over £300 for the PTA. Thank you also to Adam and Elaine Hurst for running this event.

Raffle - this year the raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre on December 9th. There is a really great range of prizes this year including £50, Blenheim Tickets, Crocodiles of the World Tickets, beauty vouchers, restaurant vouchers, hampers, theatre tickets, cinema tickets and plenty more. There are lots of opportunities for people to win prizes so please sell your tickets, or return unsold tickets to Jackie. Thank you for supporting this raffle which is raising money for transforming the quad into a sensory garden.

Clubs

School-run clubs:

Felting last one 5th Dec

Craft last one 6th Dec

Drama & Homework last one 7th Dec

Football & Multi Sports will commence week beginning 9th January 2017.

Swimming

Our final swim of the term will be on Monday 5th December. Thankyou to those parents that have voluntarily contributed £9 towards the cost of the transport.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our school Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 14th December. For those children that do not normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday but would like to on this special day, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to Jackie on Monday with payment.

MENU

Roast Turkey & Chipolata Sausage

or

Celebration Roast with Veggie Chipolata

Both served with

Yorkshire Pudding, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas & Gravy

&

A Christmas Cookie

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party for **Years 1 – 6** will be held on the final day of term the 16th December. We will **not** have a school meal on this day but we are asking for donations for the children's party lunch. The food choices are on the board by the school entrance gates.

Robin Class Christmas Party – Please note that our Robin Class will be holding their own party and will be requesting your support themselves

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th December

Christmas Fayre 2pm to 3.30pm

Monday 12th December

Christmas Nativity and Carols 2pm and 6pm

PLEASE CAN YOU COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN FROM THE CHURCH AT 3PM

This does include our Robin class pupils who are going to watch

Tuesday 13th December

Year 5 and 6 carol singing at Heathfield Nursing Home (Consent Form below)

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch (with Year 6s serving)

ROBINS Christmas Play - Parents to arrive at 2:15pm through the main office entrance. *Please let Mrs Seymour know how many adults will be attending as we need to arrange seating.*

If your Robin child doesn't normally attend on a Wednesday, please could they arrive for 12:30pm Thankyou

Friday 16th December

Christmas Party

Last day of autumn term

School finishes at 1:30pm

Wednesday 4th January

Spring term begins

Finally, Lollipop Sue WILL NOT be on the school crossing on the morning or afternoon of Tuesday 13th December. Please be extra careful crossing the busy road.

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton
Headteacher

Church News

We will be holding Prayer Spaces in School again next term. Would anyone like to help with a session? The dates are Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th January. To find out more or express interest please contact Joanna Clifford, Children's and Families Coordinator for the Akeman Benefice on 01869 351652.

BLETCHINGDON CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 3rd December 2016 4-7

Food Stall

We are holding the annual **Christmas Market** in the **Village Hall** next weekend and would be delighted if you were able to make something for the food stall - eg cakes, quiches, biscuits, jams, etc.

If you feel able to help, you could either bring things to the hall on 3rd December around the time of the sale, or please let me know if you wish us to collect. If you freeze items in advance, please kindly label them accordingly.

We hope very much that you will be able to come to the Market and enjoy the stalls.

Can anyone spare some time to help/run a stall at The Church Christmas Market on the 3rd Dec.

If you can help please contact Elaine Hurst.

Very many thanks,

Fiona Teddy

***** New cafe session starts Tuesday 6th Dec from 1:30pm to 4:30pm *****

Enjoy costa coffees, tea and hot, chocolate with homemade cakes, bacon rolls and soup right on your doorstep Waiting for children doing ballet or jujitsu?

Now you can enjoy some refreshment whilst you wait!

We've gained another grant to run this afternoon session as a pilot

Please help support it where you can so we can make it a regular facility
Intro session offer - free instant tea or coffee with each food item purchased

Wednesday cafe sessions continue too 9:30am – 11:45am.

Yr 5 & 6 ENTERTAINING RESIDENTS OF HEATHFIELD NURSING HOME Tuesday 13th December

I give permission for (pupils name) to attend Heathfield Nursing Home on Tuesday 13th December.

I understand transport will be by private car and that all children will be back for 3pm collection from school

Signedparent/guardian

SCHOOLCHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please book(pupils name) a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December

Turkey

Vegetarian

I enclose £2.10 per pupil = £

- **Please note all Pupils in Reception Year 1 & 2 NO CHARGE as Universal Free School Meal**

Signed parent/guardian