

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the second half of our Autumn term. Here are a few dates for the 'fridge door' as we start to engage with this busy time of year.

Brace yourselves...

Firstly, we are still hit and miss with the weather - so please ensure children come to school with a coat, and ensure that it has your child's name in it. (And please check all the other items are still named, too!) Forest School will continue for KS2 until the end of term, please continue to dress accordingly.

Our amazing team at **FOST** have come up with a great idea to help keep party clothes up to date. An email has already been sent out, but the sale will be held on 9th and 10th of November.

There will be a Christmas lunch served at school on Wednesday 29th November. Children who usually bring a packed lunch will be given the option to buy a Christmas lunch for that day - please see Mrs Tonge if necessary.

The FOST Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 15th of December from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and we will be holding the usual pre-fayre dress down days - children can come to school in 'weekend clothes' and bring along an item for the fayre:

Friday 24th November: Please send in a raffle prize (nice box of chocolates, local voucher, weekend in Paris, Lamborghini, etc).

Friday 1st December: Please send in a bottle of something for the bottle stall (from malt whisky to shampoo, etc. It just needs to be in a bottle to qualify).

Friday 8th December: Please send in something for the "Mrs Doyle's world famous Red & Green stall". Anything goes, but it needs to be either red(ish) or green(ish) (ketchup, socks, mushy peas, sweets, bottles, packets, etc)

The children's Christmas performances will be held during the afternoon on Monday 11th December (both key stages) and repeated on Tuesday afternoon for R & Yr1/2, and tea time (5.30pm) for KS2. Details on how to get tickets to follow.

Year 3 will be attending an SUMT event on the 28th November exploring faith and Santa will be visiting our Reception Class on the 12th December, with helpers from Douglas Rotary Club.

The school Christmas Parties will be held on Wednesday 20th December.

We will be attending St Thomas' Church for an end of term carol celebration on Thursday 21st December at 2.30pm - all welcome. (Children will need collecting from St Thomas' Church at 3.15pm)

Term finishes at 3.15pm on Friday 22nd December and school re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024.

Also, the choir will be visiting some local residential homes during the period to sing carols and we'll hopefully be entering the Carol Cup again.

Phew.

Finally, please ensure ParentPay accounts are kept in credit.

And finally, finally - if you have a spare hour during the week, please consider helping at school to listen to children read. This important task can make a huge difference to help and guide our young readers. Please speak to me if you'd like to consider offering some time and I'll explain the process and expectations.

I think that's it...

(After all of the above, I feel I want to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, but it's definitely too soon!)

Many thanks,

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