

ST JOHNS SCHOOL



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DATES

As we approach a really busy month please make sure you have made a note of the dates and times of performances and Christmas events. Mrs Astill has sent ticket letters out so please make sure that the slips requesting tickets are returned to the office as quickly as possible.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have the school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December, please can you let Mrs Astill know before Monday 1st December.

Requests for Christmas lunch after 1st cannot be accommodated as the kitchen have a deadline for food orders.

CAROL SERVICE

We hope that many of you will be able to join us for our Carol Service in church on Thursday 4th December, starting at 2pm.

At the end of the Carol Service we will walk all the children back down to school to collect their packed lunch boxes, bags etc.

SNACKS IN SCHOOL

If your child wants to bring a mid morning healthy snack that is fine but we ask that fresh fruit/vegetable or dried fruit is the only snack provided.

A piece of fruit like an apple, banana, a few grapes, some raisins or apricots or carrot sticks / cucumber is an easy snack to provide as well as being a healthy choice with no litter.

If you child likes their fruit peeled or cut up please can this be done at home.

We do not allow cereal bars, cakes, biscuits or crisps as a mid-morning snack. We thank you for your help with this.

We also ask that when it is a child's birthday or if they have been away on holiday sweet treats - for example, bags of sweets, chewy bars and birthday cakes are not sent into school for the class teachers to distribute or to be eaten at school.

There are some children in school with allergies and so these items cannot be given out fairly.

Children celebrate birthdays by wearing non-uniform and by being sung to in celebration assembly. Birthday cakes are not needed in school.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd December - last Tag Rugby Club until January

Tuesday 2nd December - Shearwater class - beach clean with Beach Buddies.

Thursday 4th December - Open the Book Assembly.

Thursday 4th December - Carol Service and Nativity in Church - starts at 2pm

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Play - all children in Shearwater, Peregrine and Raven classes.

2 performances - 2pm and 6.30pm - letter regarding tickets has been sent home.

Please speak to Mrs Astill if you need to know about tickets.

Friday 12th December - Foodbank Tuck Shop

Friday 12th December - Friends of St Johns - Christmas film night.

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Party Day

Friday 19th December - non uniform - Christmas Jumper day.

Friday 19th December - SCHOOL CLOSES

Monday 5th January - SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 6th January - Tag Rugby Club re-starts

**THURSDAY 18th December
CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY**

Key Stage One (Robin and Puffin Classes) + some of the Flamingo children - children can wear party clothes.

The children will play party games in the hall in the morning.

A party lunch is provided for all the Key Stage One children - a wrap, sausages, crisps, jelly, biscuits and juice. There is no need for children to bring a packed lunch that day - all children have the party lunch.

After lunch the children play classroom games and/or watch a Christmas film.

There will be a special visitor coming to school that afternoon to deliver some Christmas Gifts.

Key Stage Two children have a class-based morning followed by lunch - pizza and chips for the hot dinner children - packed lunch children still bring their own from home. Children can wear party clothes.

In the afternoon the Shearwater, Peregrine and Raven children play party games + bingo and have an afternoon break time treat - juice, crisps and a biscuit.



**On Friday 12th December we will be holding a Foodbank Tuckshop.
Instead of paying 30p for tuckshop toast, children are asked to donate an item for the Foodbank Trolley - this can be a food item (tinned item, packet, etc) or a Christmas treat.
Thank you for your support with this.**

FILM NIGHT

**Thank you to the Friends of St Johns for organising the film night for the children.
Details about this will be sent next week.**

**We ask that if children want to wear a onesie, bring a blanket and/or teddy for the event - these are brought in a bag and clearly labelled. The children attending can get changed before the end of the school day and the staff will help the younger children if needed.
Children should not wear onesies all day - it is not a non-uniform day.**

**This term the Friends of St Johns have kindly paid for the West Midlands theatre company visit - a performance of Dick Whittington which all the children enjoyed.
FoSJ have also funded transport for a class trip and the children's party food.**

FUND RAISING

This term we have held two non uniform days to raise money for charities connected to the school.

Bright For Sight Day in support of Sight Matters raised £89.

Wear something Red in support of Max Appeal (supporting families with 22q11 - also known as DiGeorge syndrome) raised £97.57p

Thank you to everyone who donated.



WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN UK

On the last day of term children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper instead of their usual blue St Johns top.

This is to raise money for the annual Save the Children UK Christmas Jumper Day.

A minimum donation of £1 would be appreciated.

If you have any Christmas festive jumpers that no longer fit your child please donate them to the school second hand rail in the entrance hall.

Any donated jumpers can be taken free of charge.

 **Save the Children**

**Christmas
Jumper
Day** 

PEEL & ST JOHNS CRICKET CLUB

WINTER TRAINING

Players from Year 5 up to Year 10 welcome

**EVERY TUESDAY
QE2 SPORTS HALL AT
7PM - 8PM FROM
TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY**



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