

Dear parents and carers,

Following on from the success of our community bonfire event two weeks ago, I would like to share with you all the exciting plans we have for you and the children in the lead up to Christmas. This is a long letter, but we wanted to make sure that you had as much of the information as possible about our exciting half term!

Thursday 30th November - Our whole school theatre trip to see 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.

Friday 1st of December - The choir have been asked to sing at the Christmas fayre at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club. Choir members will need to be taken and collected by parents/carers. We are due to sing at 6pm for around 15 minutes but the fayre starts at 4:30pm and finishes at 10pm which you may like to enjoy.

Tuesday 12th December - The choir have been invited to entertain a local friendship group. Sergeant Peppers Friendship club are situated in Wall Heath community centre, and they work hard to combat loneliness and isolation which can arise within the elderly. They are a group of around 80 regular visitors and their friends. They meet once a week to share new experiences, have a coffee and a catch up. We are honoured to have been asked to sing for them, the choir are very excited too! For this, children in the choir can wear a festive jumper or something to add to their uniform to add to the carol celebration. We will be walking from school to the community centre and will return before lunch.

Thursday 14th December - We would love our Reception and KS1 parents to join us for a Christmas workshop in school! At 9am adults will be able to enter their child's classroom in Reception and Year 1 from the playground. Year 2 adults can enter from the main office and will be shown to the Year 2 classroom. (If you have 2 or more children in Reception/KS1 please go to your youngest child's classroom and we can send your older sibling to you). There will be a carousel of 4 activities over the morning, and you can have a go at each Christmas activity with your child. This will then finish at 11am so that we can get the children ready for lunchtime. Lots of arts and crafts to get us all into the Christmas spirit! We will be asking for an indication of numbers via a form on School Life over the next few weeks, this will be 1 adult per child due to limits on space in classrooms.

Friday 15th December - This will be our Christmas Disco for all children, organised by our brilliant HSA! 4.15pm-5.15pm for Rec/KS1 and 5.30-6.30pm for KS2.

Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 20th December - The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Nativity play for their adults 'Tinsel and Tea-Towels' on Tuesday 19th at 2pm and Wednesday 20th at 9.30am and 2pm at school. Tickets will cost £1, and each child will be allocated 3 tickets. Tickets will be available to purchase from the school shop. These can be spread over the 3 performances or all 3 in one performance, but it must be 3 tickets in total per child to allow us to have every

child celebrated by their grown-ups. We can only have 100 adults at each performance, due to fire regulations, so it will be first come first serve for each performance.

Thursday 21st December - Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper for the day, over their uniform and donate to Save the Children. A form will be sent out to book your child's Christmas dinner.

Friday 22nd December - KS2 Carols on the playground. We will be inviting adults along to our KS2 Christmas Carol Concert on the KS2 playground at 2.30pm. You will be able to enter the KS2 playground via the Maidensbridge gate from 2.25pm. After we have enjoyed hearing Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 singing their Christmas songs we will be offering hot chocolate and mince pies in your child's classroom.

Friday 22nd December - our last day of the term and is a normal finish time of 3.15pm. The children will be having parties in their classrooms on this day and can come to school in their party clothes. We will also have our end of term House Event for the winning house, this will be a special Christmas treat for the winning team!

Children will then be back in school on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.35am.

It is lovely to have all these things planned for our children and families to enjoy. Watch out for forms to complete and tickets etc. on School Life for these events so that they can all go smoothly, and we can have a fantastic lead up to Christmas.

Just a reminder that this letter will be uploaded on to the School Life app and school website under Parents and then Email Copies in case you need to refer back to it over the next couple of weeks.

Enjoy everyone!

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Headteacher

Sent via

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