



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week began with our amazing choir singing to over two thousand people at a community carol concert at St James' Park football ground. Thank you so much to all the parents who dropped their children off in the evening and then came out late to pick them up. We were the only school singing and the children did their families and their school proud!

Christmas

Events begin in earnest next week, so please keep an eye out for dates and times!

Friday 13th December is Christmas Jumper Day as well as the Santa Run. This is always such a fun event and parents are very welcome to come and run with their children.

A reminder that it is **Lower School Christmas lunch** on **Tuesday 10th December** and this means there will be no hot meals provided and you cannot order a school meal if you are in Years 3,4,5 and 6. Children eligible for free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch, but all other children need to bring their own packed lunch.

It is **Upper School Christmas dinner** on **Thursday 12th December**, so children who have not ordered a dinner, need to bring a packed lunch. Children in Lower School will be provided with a packed lunch if they usually have a school dinner.

On **Wednesday 11th December** it is the Nativity with Reception at 2.30pm. Please could you make sure that buggies and prams are not taken into the hall so that we have lots of room for everyone. There is plenty of space in the Reception area for them, thank you.

On **Thursday 12th December** the Lower school is holding their Carol Concert at 2.30pm. This is for children in Reception, Years One and Two.

On **Friday 13th December** we have the Christmas Fair which is run by our PTA and the children with each class having a stall. This starts at 2pm, which gives us time to set things up after lunch. Please collect your children from their classroom and sign them out with their teacher. They need to take everything with them, as they will not be able to return to class.

The PTA will be selling raffle tickets every day next week after school.

Volunteers

If there are any parents who are willing to act as marshals for the Santa Run, we would be REALLY grateful! Please can you give your name to the school office or Miss Stanbury who is organising the event. Thank you.

Head Lice

Not a very festive topic but please can all parents make sure they check their children's hair regularly. Regular combing with a special comb and using conditioner is the best way to keep it in check...speaking from experience as a mother of two daughters with long, thick hair!

Clubs

Clubs have now finished! If you still need after-school childcare, please book your child into our after-school club via the online booking system. Thank you.

Applications to start school in September 2020

The admissions process for starting school in September 2020 opened on 15th November 2019 and closes on 15th January 2020.

For further information, see the School Admissions webpages at: www.devon.gov.uk/admissions

Dates for the Diary

Friday 6 th December	Nursery & Reception Stories with Santa – 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas lunch
Wednesday 11 th December	Reception Nativity - 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas lunch
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Carol Concert - 2.30pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Run
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Fair – 2-4pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery Nativity time 2.30pm
Weds 18 th & Thurs 19 th December	Reception Vision Screening
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Carol Concert time 2.15pm
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Wednesday 8 th January 2020	First day of Spring Term
Friday 6 th March	Reception Height & Weight programme
Friday 13 th March	Year 6 Height & Weight programme