

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors & Friends,

The run up to Christmas is possibly one of the busiest times in any primary school and ours is no exception. So.....I'm going to start this email with a huge apology, purely for the length of it!! Rather than send lots of emails, I thought it may be better to put all the Christmas events and information into one email.

I have also attached the full Parent Calendar for ease too (also on the school website). In the run up to Christmas, there are events planned by school and some planned by our wonderful PTFA so please do put the dates relevant to you in your calendars.

Fri 14 th Nov	All day	Whole school	Children in Need - non-uniform/Pudsey & donation
Mon 24 th to Thurs 27 th Nov	3.30-4.00pm	Whole school	Book Fair
Tues 25 th Nov	3.45-6.55pm	Whole school	Parents' Evening with creche & Pre-Loved Uniform
Wed 26 th Nov	3.30pm-5.30pm	Year 5	Additional Parents' Evening for Year 5 families only
Thurs 27 th Nov	3.00pm	Year 5	Year 5 Class Assembly - families invited
Fri 28 th Nov	All day	Whole school	PTFA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Hamper goodies (see note below). Reception class to also bring waterproofs for Forest School session. Pupils who have PE on a Friday can wear non-uniform that they can do PE in please.
Mon 1 st Dec	am	Whole school	Trip to the Panto!
Tues 2 nd Dec	6.30pm	Choir families	Choir singing at Blackburn Cathedral
Wed 3 rd Dec	12.00	School Meals	Christmas Lunch for those on school meals. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home but would like to join us for a Christmas lunch, please email Mrs. Page to book a place. Cost is £2.75 which will be added to your Arbor app.
Wed 3 rd Dec	All day	Whole school	Christmas Hat Competition - open to all. Please

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			bring your hats in on this day & wear them to lunch. The more homemade the better! Bring on the tinsel & glitter!
Wed 3 rd Dec	2.45pm	Guitarists	Guitar Concert for families - all welcome
Fri 5 th Dec	All day	Whole school	PTFA Christmas jumper day (Normal uniform/PE kit but with Christmas jumper) in exchange for chocolate donations for Christmas Fair. Reception class to also bring waterproofs for Forest School session.
Mon 8 th Dec	12.30-2.30pm	Year 2	Turton Tower - A Victorian Christmas - separate email sent
Tues 9 th Dec	2.30-3.10pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for families
Tues 9 th Dec	5.30pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for families
Wed 10 th Dec	2.30-3.10pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for Grandparents and senior citizens
Thurs 11 th Dec	1.45 - 2.45pm	Years 3-6	Christmas Carol Service St. Anne's, all families welcome to join us in Church. We will be walking to and from Church so please ensure pupils have warm coats and suitable footwear.
Fri 12 th Dec	All day	Whole school	Christmas Jumper day - no donation required
Fri 12 th Dec	10.00-11.00am	Infants	PTFA Christmas Fair - children only
Fri 12 th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Juniors	PTFA Christmas Fair - children only
Mon 15 th Dec	9.00-10.00am	Rec Parents	Reception parents craft session
Tues 16 th Dec	9.00-10.00am	Rec Parents	Reception parents craft session
Tues 16 th Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Party
Wed 17 th Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Year 3 & 4	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Thurs 18 th Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Year 5 & 6	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Fri 19 th Dec	All day	Whole school	Christmas jumper day - no donation required
Fri 19 th Dec	1.30pm	Whole school	Special Visitor!
Fri 19 th Dec	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for Christmas break. Woo Hoo!!!!!!

Christmas Hampers

The PTFA will be creating 7 amazing Christmas Hampers which they will raffle off in the

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coming weeks, however they are seeking donations for their hampers. Therefore, **Friday 28th November will be a Non-Uniform Day** in exchange for an item that can be added to the Christmas Hamper (if your child has PE or Forest School on a Friday they may come to school in non-uniform that is suitable for doing PE/Forest School in). Each class will create a hamper and each has chosen a colour theme for their hamper. The class hampers colours are listed below:

Rec- white
Yr1- pink
Yr2- red
Yr3- purple
Yr4- blue
Yr5- green
Yr6- yellow

Please feel free to send your colour themed donations into school with your child on Friday 28th November. If any of our families would like to donate any other prize donations for the raffle prizes, then we would love to hear from you and any donation would be gratefully received and raffled. Thank you

Raffle Tickets

On Tuesday 2nd December, your child will be coming home with a strip of 5 raffle tickets for you to buy or pass onto relatives and be in with a chance of winning one of the gorgeous Christmas hampers. Tickets are available to purchase at £1.00 each. Further tickets will be available to buy at the Infant Christmas performances, the Carol Service and from the main school office from Tuesday 2nd December (cash only with correct change please).

Please clearly write your contact telephone number on each ticket and **return to their class teacher by Thursday 11th December with the correct payment.** The draw will be made in assembly on Monday 15th December, and all winners will be contacted.

Please do not feel obligated to purchase any tickets. However, every penny raised as always will be going straight to the PTFA to assist school and pay for additional resources. Any tickets you do not wish to buy, please return them to school.

Christmas Fairs

Our PTFA Christmas Fair is on Friday 12th December - 10.00-11.00am for the Infants and 2.00 - 3.00pm for the juniors. As we have done in recent years, children will be able to bring in cash to spend or parents can 'pre-purchase' spends online. If your child would like to bring in

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cash, please ensure it is in a named envelope or purse/wallet and that they only bring in coins.

Parents may choose to pre-purchase £5 worth of spends online via Arbor for their child. At this moment in time, there is only the option to pre-purchase a set amount of spends which we have chosen to be £5. However, if you wish for your child to have more or less than £5 of pre-paid spends, then they can bring cash to the fair. Once the payment for £5 spends has been made through Arbor, children will be given their 'spends' by way of a number of tickets on the day of the event. Of course, **parents will still have the option to give their child cash instead to spend if this is their/your preference.** Most of the items are priced at 50p and £1 and the PTFA welcomes change rather than notes please. There is also a selection of free stalls.

This is now available to purchase via the Arbor app. Please note that refunds cannot be processed should your child choose not to spend all tickets. **Please note that the cut off for this option on Friday 12th Dec at 09.15am to allow us time to prepare the tickets.**

Children will bring home anything they buy or win at the Christmas fairs.

Christmas Parties

The children will enjoy a Christmas party (see above calendar for dates). On party day, children may come to school in their party clothes; however, please ensure that your child's clothing/footwear is suitable for playing party games but also for playing outside at playtimes.

As always, our Christmas party will include a break with party food. Therefore, on the day of the party, please could you send in a paper plate/tupperware box with a small selection of party food for your child to enjoy. Please make sure their name is clearly labelled on top. Please note that your child will also be having their lunch as normal on this day and this is extra, therefore it doesn't need to be a full meal, just a few party snacks e.g.- crisps, mini sausages, party rings, carrots, cucumber etc.

Infant Nativity Performances

We hope you are looking forward to watching our Christmas Nativity. This year, our performance is called 'The Nativity'. A reminder of the dates and times you can watch the Nativity are below:

Tuesday 9th December at 2:30pm

Tuesday 9th December at 5:30pm

Wednesday 10th December at 2:30am (this show is mainly for grandparents and any friends in the community who would like to come and watch)

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On **Tuesday 9th December**, we would really appreciate it if all children could **return to school for 5:00pm**. This will give us time to get them dressed before the show starts at 5:30pm.

On the day of the shows, there will be a sign in sheet at the main entrance so staff can make a note of who is attending the show. This is for fire regulations. The performance will be professionally recorded by one of our parents and once this is completed, we will be happy to share this with families (please note that we will not be putting the video onto Face Book).

Phew, I think that's it for now. If you have any questions or queries, please just ask us and we'll happily help. Please feel free to share this email into the parents' What's App and I will send little reminders about each event as they approach.

As always thank you for your amazing support. xx

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