



Confirmation of our Christmas Activities and other information.

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Dear parents,

Now that the Christmas adverts are bombarding us on television I thought it would be helpful to send out a programme of all our activities:

Ongoing	Visit www.mychildsart.co.uk to purchase gifts which feature your child's drawing. Organised by our PTA.
Thurs 12 th Nov	Tempest school photographs - please bring pre-school children in from 8.30am for family photos. We will arrange sibling photos in school.
Wed 18 th Nov	PTA Film Night : Films chosen are 'Happy Feet' and ' The Nativity'. Flyer will be sent home soon. Children signed up for WAC will have to choose whether they attend club or go to film night.
Fri 20 th Nov	Non uniform day for PTA Tombola prizes for Christmas Fayre
w/c 30 th Nov	Our design and make week for Christmas fayre - any parents willing to support for a session always appreciated.
Friday 5 th Dec	PTA and school Christmas Fayre 1-3pm, please collect your child to tour the fayre. Children not collected will be supervised in the staff room. If they have money to spend they will be taken around the fayre by a member of staff.
Fri 4 th - Sunday 6 th Dec	Ombersley tree festival, trees will be displayed (one for each key stage) and a group of children will be singing at 2pm on Saturday.
7 th Dec 1.30pm	KS1 Play - dress rehearsal open to preschool and grandparents
8 th Dec 6.00pm	KS1 play - tickets available (no charge for tickets a raffle will be run at each performance) Letter to follow.
9 th Dec 1.30pm	KS1 play -tickets available. Letter to follow.
11 th Dec	Charity Day ' Come in your Christmas Jumper' for Save the Children, run by School Council. Also School Christmas dinner - staff and pupils.
16 th Dec 12.30 - 5.00pm	Christmas trip to the pantomime at the Malvern theatre NOTE LATE RETURN - see separate letter for details
17 th Dec	Class visits by Santa and class parties (party food appreciated) PTA provide Santa's gift.
17 th Dec	WACKY club Christmas party 3.15 - 4.30pm
18 th Dec 1.00 - 2.00pm.	A celebration of Christmas music and reading by KS2, come and join us for our last assembly. School closes at 2pm and WAC available until 5pm.



Other Information:

Parent's consultations. Thank you for attending the parent's consultations we hope you have found the information useful, particularly as we move towards assessment without levels. This means that each child is working towards the age related expectation for their age group and this should be achieved by the summer term. If you were unable to see your child's teacher on the designated days please arrange an alternative with them.

School Questionnaire. We would appreciate it if you complete the attached questionnaire which give you the opportunity to feedback any of your concerns, your ideas and anything you require further information on. I plan to run a parents information evening in the Spring term.

Drop off and after school care. Can I remind parents that children should not be left unattended on the playground until 8.45am when they are supervised by staff. Thank you for your support in encouraging children not to run around in the mornings or use play equipment when the playground is busy with parents and pre-school children. This is particularly important when the weather gets worse. Our WAC club is now close to capacity on many days, therefore we do not always have the capacity for this to be used on 'ad hoc' basis. Please do not assume that there will be a space, please always check with the school office. If there is an increase in demand we do not wish to turn children away but this will require careful planning and a review of our staffing. We would appreciate prompt return of booking forms each half term to help us manage the situation.

PTA. Under the leadership of Mrs Holbeche the PTA are busy planning our Christmas events. With your support, the money they raise is ploughed straight back into school; they pay for the transport to the pantomime and provide presents from Santa. **Finally**.....I know that Christmas is an expensive time, but in school we aim to share with the children an appreciation of the Christmas story and the meaning of Christmas through their performance opportunities. *It is always is a magical time.* Children are also involved in making and selling their own products. This gives them real-life experience of making, costing and selling from a very young age. We also link this to our citizenship work with charities and an understanding of those less fortunate than ourselves. On this note don't forget our 'ramble' for Children in Need, non-uniform appropriate clothing for a £1 donation. Thank you for your support in making Sytchampton so successful.

Sharon Williams, Head teacher