



Newsletter



Christmas 2017

There is so much going on the last few weeks of term, here are a few reminders and some further information about events.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards may be brought in during the last 2 weeks of term. In our younger year groups, we encourage children to send just one card to the whole class, rather than sending individual cards. (Please note that due to data protection laws, we are unable to provide class lists to help with labelling). In KS2, our Y5 children will be running a 'postal service' in the last two weeks to deliver cards to classes. Cards should be clearly labelled with full names and classes to use this service.

FOWPS Secret Santa—Friday 15th December

Secret Santa happens during the school day and is a chance for children to buy Christmas presents for family members which can be kept secret until Christmas day. All presents are £1 and the children bring them home ready wrapped and labelled. Children are able to purchase a maximum of 3 presents on the day, and should bring their money in a named envelope. It is a good idea to have the names of people they are buying for written on the envelope, too. There is a selection of presents to choose from, including those suitable for brothers, sisters, mums, dads, aunts, uncles, babies and other family members. All profits from this event go to FOWPS, and we are very grateful for Mrs Frampton and her team of 'elves' who make this event possible!

Choir Carol Singing

Both the junior and senior choirs have had carolling events already, with more to come! We hope that lots of people will come to support us when we are singing at Whiteley Shopping Centre on Saturday 23rd December at 11am. A small group of the senior choir will also be singing at the Co-op Christmas Fair on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th December at 2.45pm.

Christmas Performances—general reminders for YR and Y3 parents

Over the next week, we have three YR nativity performances and two Y3 Christmas performances. We understand that parents may need to bring younger siblings to see our school shows, but please can we ask you to take them out of the hall should they get restless/cry as it is very distracting for our children on stage who have worked so hard rehearsing. Also, please can we remind you that photos/videos may be taken for your own viewing, but should not be shared on social media.

Reception Nativity Performances—13th Dec (Foxes), 14th Dec (Squirrels), 18th Dec (Owls) - 2pm

As per the diary dates, each class has one performance where they get their moment on the stage in costume, although all children join in with the singing at each performance. Costumes are provided by the school. The performances are in the hall—we use the entrance door at the far end, next to the YR outdoor classroom gate. At the end of the performance, there will be a chance to take photos of the children on the stage. We will then take them back to the classroom to get changed, but you may collect them a little earlier on that day from the classroom door. (Older siblings will leave at the normal time.)

Y3 Performances—Tues 12th/Fri 15th December

Please remember to let the office know if you require seats for the performance this week. At the end of the performance we will take the children back to the classroom to get changed and then you may collect them slightly earlier from the classroom door if you wish.

FOWPS Christmas Discos (YR 4-4.5pm, Y1/2 5-5.45pm, Y3/4 6-6.45pm, Y5/6 7-7.45pm)

These are being held on Weds 13th December. £1.50 to include a drink. The entrance for the disco is the main office door, with collection from the gym fire doors. Where possible, please take your child's coat away with you as you drop off to save time at the end of the disco. Providing the weather is dry, we will be asking parents to come through the fire door nearest the office to collect children, leaving from the far end of the gym so that there is a one-way system. (If it is wet on the day, please understand that collection will take a little longer as we will not be able to bring parents in through the gym in order to keep the floor dry—a sign board outside will tell you which door to collect from on the day). Please note that children **must** be collected from the disco by an adult or older sibling as we will not be permitting children to leave unaccompanied.

Open Sessions

Several year groups have open sessions over the next few weeks:

- Year 6—11th December—1pm—come and help with the Christmas Stocking DT project during the afternoon. Please let the class teacher know if you are able to come for all or part of the session.
- Year 2—12th December—9am Christmas craft activities
- Year 1—19th December—2pm Christmas maths open session

Please see individual year group information for further details.

Carols in the Square—Monday 18th December 6.15pm—Market Square, Whiteley

We hope that many of you will come along to support our community Christmas event which is held in the market square at Whiteley Shopping Centre. We will be welcoming the Salvation Army band who will be accompanying the community singing, as well the school choirs. We will also be welcoming the choir and families from Cornerstone Primary School. There will be a collection at the end of the event in support of the Salvation Army. We will be sending out the song sheet on Parentmail nearer the time for those who'd like to sing along from your mobile phone! Paper song sheets will also be available on the evening—please bring a torch!

Christmas Dinner Day - Wear a Christmas Hat/Jumper/Accessory—Wednesday 20th December

On Christmas dinner day, we invite the children to wear a Christmas jumper, hat or other accessory to help us get into the Christmas spirit. As it is the Christmas parties for Y2-6 on this day as well, we are going to make this a **non-uniform** day for all. As with last year, there is no obligation to bring a donation on the day, but for those who would like to, we will be collecting for Cancer Research UK. This charity was chosen by the Young Governors, with input from all KS2 classes via 'class council' sessions.

If your child will be having a school meal on Weds 20th December, please let the office know their choices by **Weds 13th December** (even if they usually have a meal every day) as the kitchen needs to place the food order. Spare forms are available from the school office (or you can phone/email the order through).

Christmas Parties—Y2-6 on Wednesday 20th December, YR/1 on Thursday 21st December

As mentioned above, all children are invited to wear Christmas themed non-uniform on Weds 20th. YR/1 may also wear non-uniform on the last day of term for their party. Please ensure that cardigans/jumpers etc. are named, and that children have warm layers and practical shoes suitable for playing outside. They do not need to bring any party food into school.

Last Day of term—early finish

Just a reminder that we finish at 12.05pm on the last day of term—Thurs 21st December. We wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas!