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Countdown to Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers.

We are aware that as the festive season drawers ever nearer, there are many events and activities taking place within school which need to be clearly communicated at this busy time of year. We hope that this letter should give you the information you need so that you know what is happening over the coming weeks in the lead up to the end of term.

Early Years Christmas Singalong

Children in Nursery and Reception will be singing some festive songs on Friday, 12th December. Reception will be performing at 9.15am and Nursery will be performing at 2.15pm. To manage space in the hall, a maximum of **two** guests can attend per family. Please enter via the external hall door, in front of the visitor drop-off bays at the front of the school. Children who do not usually attend nursery during the afternoon are welcome to come back to enable them to join in the performance. Please note that the PTA will be providing refreshments at the back of the hall before the performances start.

Year Two Christmas Performance of "Bethlehem Bake Off"

Children in Year Two will be taking part in this year's Bethlehem Bake Off Christmas production. There will be two performances, one on Monday, 15th December at 2.15pm and the other on Tuesday, 16th December at 9.15am. Your child will be performing in both shows, so you can choose which time is most convenient for you to attend. To manage space in the hall, a maximum of two guests can attend per family for each performance. We ask that wherever possible younger children are not brought to the performances unless no other childcare can be arranged and that if they do attend and they become restless, they are taken out of the hall, so they do not disturb the children's performance.

Please enter via the external hall door, in front of the visitor drop-off bays at the front of the school. Please note that the PTA will be providing refreshments at the back of the hall before the performances start. At the end of the show, donation buckets will be on hand and any donations received will be greatly appreciated. Donations will go towards covering the cost of the licensing fee for the production, the purchase of props, additional costumes and to help fund resources,

Christmas Jumper Day

We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper on Wednesday, 17^{th} December. Green Ridge will be taking part in aid of the Save the Children charity. Children will still need to come in wearing the rest of their school uniform but can supplement their school jumper or cardigan as appropriate. We kindly ask for a donation of £1.00 on the day to go to the Save the Children charity.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be taking place on **Wednesday**, 17th **December** in place of the daily lunch options on this day. There will be a meat option of Sliced Turkey Breast with Christmas Trimmings or a vegetarian option of Quorn Fillet with Christmas Trimmings. Please note that there will **not** be a jacket potato or chilled option on this day as an alternative.

PTA Festive Discos

The PTA will be holding festive discos on the following dates:

Friday, 5th December Reception – 4.00-4.45pm Years One and Two – 5.00-6.00pm

Friday, 12th December

Years Three and Four – 4.00-5.00pm Years Five and Six – 5.15-6.15pm

A letter containing further information and the booking process will be sent out in due course.

PTA Christmas Crafts

As has become tradition, each year group across the school will be making a Christmas craft. Christmas crafts can be purchased whilst the PTA festive discos are taking place, and they will be at a cost of £3.50 each.

Christmas Panto 'Dick Whittington'

To celebrate the end of the Autumn term and Christmas festivities, it has been arranged for Chaplins Pantos to visit on Friday, 19th December. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the PTA for funding this experience and their ongoing support.

PTA Rainbow Raffle

Following the recent non-uniform day where children were required to bring in rainbow donations for the colour themed hampers in which the PTA will be creating, we can confirm that the Rainbow Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 16^{th} December at 4.00pm. Tickets for this will be on sale shortly and will be available to buy throughout December until the draw. Further details will be sent out in due course.

Yours faithfully,

J. Frances.

Mrs. Jen Fraser Headteacher Laurilee Green Chair of PTA

