

December Diary Dates

Fri. 4 th	3.30 p.m.	Christmas Fayre
Fri. 4 th	7.30 a.m.	Coffee, Cake & Chat With Father Tommy
Tues. 8 th	2.00 p.m.	FS & KS1 Christmas Concert
Wed. 9 th	10.00 a.m.	FS & KS1 Christmas Concert
Wed. 9 th	6.30 p.m.	Grandparents Dinner
Fri. 11 th	2.00 p.m.	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tues. 5 th January	9.30 a.m.	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime – Whole School

HOLIDAY DATES

School Closes 3.15 p.m. Friday 18th December 2015

School Opens 8.45 a.m. Tuesday 5th January 2016

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Grandparents Dinner - this is when we invite all grandparents (even if their grandchildren don't attend our school!) to a four course Christmas meal – free of charge! We do charge £1.00 per ticket, but this is returned on the evening of the meal – this year on Wednesday 9th December at 6.30 p.m. Admission by ticket only - available from the school office from 2nd December. Please encourage any grandparents you know to come to the meal – the prefects and staff wait on tables and the choir sing Christmas songs afterwards.



All this takes place in the school dining room, and is a lovely festive occasion! Please note entrance is by ticket only – don't forget to bring them!

Christmas Fayre – our Christmas Fayre **starts at 3.30 p.m.** this year on **Friday 4th December**. Children will be released from school in the normal way and at the normal time. We will then re-open the top hall doors at 3.30 p.m. to allow our Christmas Fayre to begin. We need your help to continue raising funds for our pupils so we would gratefully receive donations of bottles, chocolate, raffle prizes and high quality bric-a-brac. Thank you!

Christmas Celebrations – our bottom gate will be open at 1.45 pm. on Tuesday 8th December for entrance to the FS/KS1 2.00 p.m. performance and at 9.45 a.m. on Wednesday 9th December for the 10.00 a.m. performance. Please make your way around the school to the top hall doors where a member of staff will be on hand to collect your tickets. To maintain site security for our pupils this will be the only entrance into the performances. Thank you for your co-operation. Tickets are available from the school office priced at £1.50 each. They are limited to two per family initially and go on sale on Wednesday 2nd December. Any remaining will go on general sale on Monday 7th December. Our Photograph Permission Form will need to be signed by anyone wishing to photograph/video the performances. This will take place in the dining hall from 1.30 to 1.45 p.m. for the first performance, and from 8.45 to 9.30 a.m. the following day.

The same entrance arrangements will be followed for the KS2 concert on Friday 11th December. Tickets will be available from Monday 7th December from the school office priced at £1.50 each. They are limited to one per family initially. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on Wednesday 9th December. This performance starts at 2.00 p.m. and again, entrance will be through the bottom gate and hall doors only. Our Photograph Permission Form will need to be signed by anyone wishing to photograph/video the performance. This will take place in the dining hall at 1.30 – 1.45 p.m.

Childrens' Christmas Dinner – This will be served on Wednesday 9th December. If you would like your child to join in our festive celebrations and receive a delicious Christmas dinner please send in £2.30 in an envelope (if your child doesn't normally have a school dinner) with your child's name and class written on it along with "Christmas Dinner". Payment must be received in the office by Friday 4th December.



Christmas Theatre Production in school – As you will know we traditionally hold a pantomime or play on the childrens' return from their Christmas break. Once again, this year, I am happy to inform you that there will be no charge for this performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which takes place on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

E-Safety. Is your child safe on line? Yes? Are you sure? - Technology is changing as is childrens' access to it. All parents should take extra care when their children are on line, ensuring that they are not experiencing cyber-bullying, being exposed to inappropriate images or being contacted by others they don't know through social media sites. Mobile phone use is also on the increase for children and again should be carefully monitored by parents. There are those out there, and Stoke-on-Trent is included in this, who target children via the internet. Parents need to be on their guard against this.



Children in Need – We raised £393.81. Thank you for your support.



Friday 4th December **Cake, Coffee and Chat. 7.30 – 9.30 am** in St. Luke's Church. Homemade cakes by Father Tommy and tea and coffee available! Father Tommy invites everyone before or after dropping the children at school! Feel free to join him. Young children most welcome.

Father Tommy will also be taking services over the Christmas period. Please telephone him on 01782 267828 if you would like more information.

Christmas Love Boxes – We sent over 200 boxes to children in other parts of the world who are less fortunate than our children. Thank you for your generosity!

Icy Conditions – Please take extra care on your journey to school now that we are experiencing more cold weather. Please stick to the gritted areas on school grounds. Our Gritting Policy is available from the school office.

Lastly – may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a really great new year! We'll see you again on Tuesday 5th January 2016!

Merry Christmas

Mr M A Barlow
Headteacher