

December Diary Dates

Tues. 10th	10.00 – 10.45 a.m.	FS/KS1 Concert Tickets on sale from 27 th November (2 per family). Any remaining tickets will be on general sale from Wednesday 4th December
Wed. 11th	10.00 – 10.45 a.m.	
Thurs. 5th	3.30 p.m.	Christmas Fayre
Wed. 11th	12.00 noon	Childrens' Christmas Lunch
Wed. 11 th	6.30 p.m.	Grandparents Christmas Dinner
Fri. 13th	2.00 p.m.	KS2 Concert. Tickets on sale from 4 th December (1 per family). Any remaining tickets will be on general sale from Tuesday 10th December
Tues. 17th	9.15 a.m.	Santa in to visit FS/KS1.
Tues. 17th	1.00 p.m.	KS1 and FS Christmas Parties
Wed. 18th	1.30 p.m.	KS2 Christmas Parties
Thurs. 19th	9.15 a.m.	FS/KS1 Attendance Certificates
Thur. 19th	10.45 a.m.	KS2 Attendance Certificates
Fri. 20th	9.30 a.m.	Christmas Eucharist Service. All welcome in the school Hall
Fri. 20th	1.00 – 3.15 p.m.	Half termly treat

HOLIDAY DATES

School Closes 3.15 p.m. Friday 20th December 2013

School Opens 8.45 a.m. Monday 6th January 2014

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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 11th December at 6.30 p.m. Tickets are available from the school office now. 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!

Christmas Fayre – our Christmas Fayre **starts at 3.30 p.m.** this year on **Thursday 5th 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 top gate will be open at 9.45 a.m. on 10th and 11th December for entrance to the FS/KS1 performances. Please make your way through the top car park 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 27th November. Any remaining will go on general sale on Wednesday 4th 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 8.30 to 9.30 a.m.



The same entrance arrangements will be followed for the KS2 concert on Friday 13th December. Tickets will be available from Wednesday 4th 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 Tuesday 10th December. This performance starts at 2.00 p.m. and again, entrance will be through the top car park 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 – 2.00 p.m.

Childrens' Christmas Dinner – This will be served on Wednesday 11th December. If you would like your child to join in our festive celebrations and receive a delicious Christmas dinner please send in £2.10 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 6th 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 Aladdin which takes place on Monday 6th January.

E-Safety. Is your child safe on line? Yes? Are you sure? - Technology is changing as is children's 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.

Last year our E-Safety workshop for parents was not well attended – I hope this year more will come to learn how their children may be accessing the internet and the dangers, if used incorrectly, it can pose. Letters will be coming home soon. Please sign up for this important training and information.

Children in Need – We raised £374.00. Thank you so much.



School Nurse Drop-in - The School Nurse will be in school on Thursday 5th December from 2.45pm until 3.30pm if you would like to call in to discuss any concerns you may have.

Christmas Love Boxes – We sent 283 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 Monday 6th January 2014!

*Merry
Christmas*

Mr M A Barlow
Headteacher