



Head Teacher Update

I hope that you have all had a good week. It has been yet another busy one in school with our Reception children presenting the Nativity Performance on Tuesday. Although I was very disappointed to be missing it this year, I hope that you enjoyed it and of course we are very proud of the children and their skills and talents. You never know there could be a West End star of the future on that stage.

A lot of work has gone into the preparation for the pantomime trip for the whole school on Wednesday next week. As I am sure you can appreciate, it becomes very much a military operation but I really hope that everyone has a fantastic learning experience. We have never done it before so I hope it will be a great success.

We look forward to seeing you **at 2.40pm today** for some Christmas singing if you are able to attend.

Obviously next week is the last week of term which I can't quite believe. It is always a very exciting time of the year and can also be very challenging for some children as the usual routines are disrupted and there is an increase in stimulation from all sorts of sources. We will still expect the high standards of behaviour but will also support children through this exciting time ready to hand over to you on Friday.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

With best wishes,

John Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Fri 8th Dec	Christmas Singing to Parents on KS2 Playground at 2.40pm
Wed 13th Dec	Pantomime Day
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 14th Dec	Open Afternoon 3.15 - 4.00pm

[Link to Key Dates](#)

Deadlines

Tues 12th Dec	Avon Tyrrell 2nd payment due
Mon 15th Jan	Applications for Middle School / Starting School September 2024

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail [7 days before the date you wish to book.](#)

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.2%

YR - 93.9%

Y1 - 95.1%

Y2 - 95.3%

Y3 - 95.6%

Y4 - 96.3%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Pantomime

We are incredibly excited for our pantomime next week (**Wednesday 13th December**). The coaches will be leaving site promptly at 8.50am, therefore, we politely ask for all children to arrive promptly on this day to avoid missing out on the performance. The afternoon performance finishes at 2.45pm, therefore some children in 4P, 3CL, 2R, 1L and RW will be arriving back at school around 3.10pm. We apologise for the slight delay on their return.

Open Afternoon

Please be advised that next weeks' Open Afternoon has been changed from Wednesday 13th to **Thursday 14th December** due to the pantomime trip. The time will remain the same - 3.15 - 4.00pm.

Peardrops Late Payments

To any parents who pay for Peardrops bookings via BACS, please ensure you have paid any outstanding fees for Autumn Term 2 before we close for Christmas. Details have been emailed to you. Thank you very much.

Avon Tyrrell Second Payment

Just a gently reminder to our Year 4 parents that the second instalment for the Avon Tyrrell Residential Trip is due by **Tuesday 12th December**. The booking payment window is now open for you to make this payment via your ParentMail app. If you have any concerns or need a payment plan, please don't hesitate to contact the main office.

Headlice in School

We have had a couple of reported cases of headlice in school this week, Please may we remind all parents and carers to regularly check for signs of headlice. Headlice can make you/your child's head feel itchy or like something is moving in your hair.

Please look at the link below and familiarise yourself with the symptoms so you can promptly treat your child if needed. Children are permitted back in school once they have been treated. Please also ensure that any long hair is tied back. Thank you very much for your support and understanding with this. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Don't forget you can still buy tickets today for our Christmas Raffle by clicking the link below. There are 6 great prizes up for grabs! Good Luck!<https://camcomps.co.uk/product/parley-firt-school-christmas-raffle/>

Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder that children can order a Christmas lunch on **Thursday 14th December**. There are two choices, meat or vegetarian and details can be found on page 3. Please note there will be no Jacket Potatoes on Thursday at all. Thank you.

Lost Property

As always, don't forget to check for any lost property before the end of term next week as any unnamed, unclaimed items will be disposed of. Thank you very much.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated to the Poppy Appeal. As a school we raised **£146.37!**

Community News

Merry Christmas from POPS

POPs would like to wish our Parley Families a very Merry Christmas. We hope the children liked their autumn disco, everyone had fun at the Festive Market, loved ones enjoy receiving their special Christmas card designs and the cherished gifts chosen by the children following our wrapping room event this week.

These fundraising events combined raised in the region of £6,000 **before expenses** which is fantastic! It's fundraising like this which enriches our children's school experiences by funding the additional "nice to haves" - this month alone we have provided the children with a book advent calendar and the upcoming school trip to the local pantomime which is just incredible so thank you so much for supporting our events.

... with special thanks!

What goes on behind the scenes is incredible. We cannot run these events without our helpers. Huge thanks to all our runners, stall helpers, stall holders, the people who help set up and pack away, the POPS team of helpers buying and wrapping presents, and all those fabulous school staff for staying on after hours to help out!

Additional thanks to Dan at Marston Developments who kindly sourced the floodlights, to Pete our site manager for meeting our endless demands and to our resident DJ Brown (Mr Brown) for his disco tunes this year.

Thanks to Wok & Fry who donated our raffle cash prize, to the Parley Pot makers and all our keen bakers, Santa and his Elves, to one of our lovely parley families who kindly donated our Christmas tree, to our bidding wall donators and finally to the Forest Inn who loaned us the amazing horse box bar! We thank you!

Finally, our raffle is still running and will the draw will be on 15th December. There are still a few tickets left at £1 each. It's easy to enter: click on this link to be taken straight there <https://camcomps.co.uk/product/parley-firt-school-christmas-affle/>



If you'd like to find out more about POPS, please do pop along to our next meeting at **2pm on 5th January** at school, where we will be discussing forthcoming events. We look forward to welcome you.

See you in 2024!
POPs

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Thursday 14th December 2023



Turkey Breast
Cocktail Pork Sausage
Or
Vegetable Wellington Vg
Meat-Free Sausage (half) Vg

★★★

On the Side
Roast Potatoes
Stuffing Ball
Garden Peas
Baton Carrots
Brussel Sprouts
Gravy

★★★

Pudding
Christmas Iced Biscuit
Or
Fruit Salad



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