



Christmas 2022- Letter 1



Dear Families

Friday 18th November 2022

As promised here is the Christmas letter 1 (another letter with updates may follow) for the upcoming events. We have planned events so that the children will experience a wonderful Christmas but we are also very mindful of the rising cost of everything!

The Christmas Tree arrives on Wednesday 7th December and this year we are creating decorations based on children's characters from the BBC with a Christmassy touch. We are also taking part in the Cowes Methodist Christmas Tree Festival and focusing on difference, diversity and ensuring everyone is welcome for the festive season. The Christmas Tree Festival is taking place on Saturday 10th December at Cowes Methodist Church.

This year we are developing an alternative to our Christmas Advent Calendar and hope that you will love this idea just as much!

Raffle Tickets: Yet again, the team have secured lots of lovely prizes for this year's raffle. The school raffle form has already gone out and this will close on Monday 12th December. All payments for this need to be paid by Wednesday 14th December with the draw taking place on Thursday 15th December.

We will also be doing our Christmas Hampers and raffling these off. We are asking for donations to be brought in by the following year groups as follows (no nut items and items to be dated past 12th December please):

Year R - Sweets

Year 1 – Men's Toiletries

Year 2 – Savoury

Year 3 – Ladies Toiletries

Year 4 – Tins/Jars/Non-Perishable Items

Year 5 - Biscuits

Year 6 – Chocolate

I am sure we will also be auctioning off a couple of Christmas Sweet Bouquets too!

Christmas Lunch is taking place for all children on Friday 16th December in two sittings. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers instead of slippers and hoodies on this day. An order form will be with you next week.

Christmas Cards: We have for a few years decided not to have Christmas cards in school. Each year group will decide on a charitable organisation to raise funds for and class teachers will let you know these as we head towards Christmas.

Mr. Andre has been poorly this week but when he returns I will ask him to send out the Choir's Christmas Schedule.

Reception Nativity will take place at 4pm on Thursday 15th December. The children will remain at school to get ready for their performance. All families are welcome to join the Nativity Performance (however, Reception families will of course be given priority).

Christmas Family Festive Evening: This will take place on Monday 12th December at 4.30pm this year in place of a Christmas Fayre. We are inviting our families to come and join us for the joy of song! Each class will have a story or a traditional carol to retell the story of the Nativity. We will be offering a pre-order system of burgers, hot dogs and drinks for a small charge. There will be an opportunity to create a lantern and join in with the songs as we tell the Nativity. Order forms and information will be with you soon!

Christmas Crafternoon – An exciting afternoon for our new families and children joining us in September 2023. Please join us on Wednesday 14th December 3.30pm-5pm in the school Hall.

Monday 19th December: This is the day of our top-secret trip! Payment for this needs to be made by Wednesday 30th November. Have your elf kits at the ready!

The last day of term is Tuesday 20th December. On this morning the children will have a festive craft morning followed by a boxed lunch of chicken goujons and chips. **As with last year, we are asking for the children to be picked up at 1pm on this day so that the festivities can begin at home too! The Den will not be open on this day and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.**

We hope our children enjoy all our Lanesend festivities and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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