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Dear Parents/Carers;

Christmas is Coming!



I love this time of the year and, although Christmas seems a long way off, it will soon be upon us. We try to make the season as special as possible for all of our children. As well as recognising and celebrating this important Christian Festival, through the festivities we will also teach children, regardless of their faith, some important traditional Great British Values – those of citizenship, empathy, tolerance, community-spirit, sharing & giving, 'joining in' and 'having fun'. I'm writing to tell you about just some of the many activities planned for our children before the end of term.

Christmas Bring & Buy Sale (for parents) on Friday 24th November



On Friday 24th November, from 2:30-4:00, we will be opening our doors for you to come and shop at our annual Christmas Bring & Buy Sale. A stall costs £5 (if you're interested in being a seller) and you can reserve a stall by speaking to our staff in the School Office – we're allocating slots on a first come, first served basis and they're quickly running out - so, if you are interested in being a seller, **please book your stall NOW!** All money raised at the Bring & Buy sale will go towards our Christmas Fun Day.

We hope this will be a good way for you to pick up some "Christmas Bargains" or to have a "Christmas Clear Out" - depending on whether you are buying or selling! If you are running your own stall, you'll be able to set up from 2pm.



Christmas Bauble Decorating with Parents – Friday 1st December – 9am

Every year we have a HUGE Christmas Tree in our hall, and this year we need your help to decorate it!



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.



We're inviting you into school to decorate a Christmas decoration with your child. We will provide everything you will need, including glitter, glue and sparkles; we just need you to come along and have fun with your child! Once you have finished, we'll ask you to place it on our tree so we can see all of the beautiful decorations throughout Christmas.

This will take place on 1st December at 9am. Please go straight into class with your child on this day. If you have more than one child, we'd ask that another adult accompanies one of your children, as we can't allow parents/ carers to change classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you there and all of your wonderful decorations!

Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December



This year, as usual, we are going to be supporting 'Save the Children' and participating in 'Christmas Jumper Day'. More information will follow closer to the time but on **Thursday 7th December** all children are invited to wear their **Christmas Jumpers** to school in return for a donation of **£1** which we will pass on to this important charity. **Please note that on this day,**

children who wish to participate should wear their normal uniform but with their Christmas Jumper over the top.



Christmas Fun Day on Friday 8th December.

On Friday 8th December, we will be holding our annual **Fun Day**. This will be a very special day for the children. The hall will be transformed into a mini Christmas bazaar, recreating the type of traditional Infant School Christmas celebrations that we as parents grew up with when we were young.

There will be a café and various festive stalls, run by School Staff. Children will have the opportunity to make traditional Christmas decorations and crafts that they will then be able to take home with them.

There will also be a 'bring and buy stall' – where children will be able to 'buy back' toy and book donations. All children in attendance will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with Father Christmas, which will be available for you to purchase at a later date for £2.00.



What you can do to help:

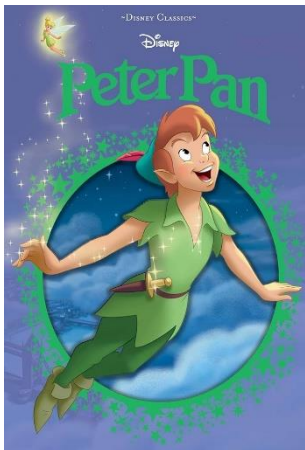
- Please start to bring any unwanted toys, books, games and presents to school for the 'Fun Day Stall' and drop them into the school office.
- We need donations of empty cardboard egg boxes for one of our stalls. If you have any empty egg boxes, please don't throw them away – bring them to the school office.
- Closer to the time, we'll also need donations of cakes, biscuits and drinks for the café



On The Day:

- Fun Day is a **non-uniform day** and children are allowed to wear their own clothes / party clothes.
- On Fun Day your child will need some loose change **(but no more than £1)** in 'small coins' **to go shopping with** and a **carrier bag with their name on** in order to take home their purchases. Children really enjoy our Christmas Fun Days and they also gain a valuable insight into the principles of shopping and budgeting – like grown-ups.





It's Pantomime Time for the children on Monday 11th December

We have arranged for an external Pantomime company to come into school this year on:

Monday 11th December

A Pantomime Company will be transforming our hall into a **Christmas Scene** and every child from Nursery to Year 2 will see the show. This year's production is Peter Pan, with the usual amount of **'booing, hissing and it's behind you!'** It will be a **non-uniform day**, so come all dressed up ready for the show (or as your favourite Pantomime Character, if you can!). There will be no charge for this – it's an old-fashioned British Christmas tradition.

Christmas Lunch at TVI on Friday 15th December

This year the children will be having a traditional Christmas Lunch at school on Friday 15th December. Violet and her team will be cooking up a delicious roast turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. There will of course be a Halal version and vegetarian options too.



Christmas Concerts

Christmas concerts are still a very long way off indeed! We are still deciding on this year's theme but it's sure to be spectacular! As usual it will followed be a traditional Nativity led by our Nursery Children – with a great big British 'everyone joining in' spirit! There'll be the usual singing and dancing, as well as our famous grand finale! Everyone, for miles around, loves our Christmas concerts! The concerts will take place on the following dates and more information will follow soon:

<p>Monday 18th December 1:30pm (for Afternoon Nursery & Year 1 Parents)</p>	<p>Tuesday 19th December 9:30am (for Morning Nursery & Year 2 Parents)</p>	<p>Wednesday 20th December 1:30pm (for Reception Parents)</p>	<p>Thursday 21st December 9:30am (for Any Parents Who Missed The Earlier Slots)</p>
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Remember! On concert days you won't be able to bring buggies or push-chairs into school (for Health and Safety reasons), but they can be left under the shelter outside the hall. Please try and come on your allocated day – as on the final day, it usually gets **really** busy!

Class Parties – Thursday 21st December

On the last day of term the children will be having their Christmas class parties.



Party Day is a non-uniform day.

We'll need some donations of party foods / drinks on this day and we'll send you out more information closer to the time.



As always, thank you for your support and trying to get your child into school every day.

Term Dates and Timings

The last day of term will be on Thursday 21st December and it will be a normal finish time for all year groups.

The first day back will be Monday 8th January for all children.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Jordan
Headteacher

*PS. Please scroll down to see our **Calendar for the rest of this term.***

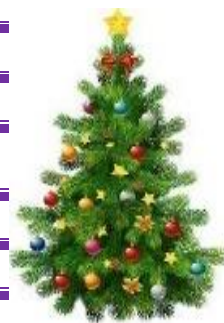
There's so much happening next month, I thought it might be useful to summarise everything in separate calendar! Please note that on occasion, due to unforeseeable circumstances, we may need to change dates and times. If there are any changes, we'll let you know asap!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

Tuesday 14 th	Open Day @TVI
Wednesday 15 th	Hippos & Koalas – Year 1 - Visiting Barleylands Victorian School Days – Year 2 – Theatre Workshops
Thursday 16 th	Pandas and Lions – Year 1 – Visiting Barleylands Cooking Together in Snakes Open Day for Prospective September 2024 Parents
Friday 17 th	Children in Need – Walk for Pudsey Non-Uniform Day – Wear something yellow and / or spotty if you can! Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Week – Wear odd socks today in support of anti-bullying week!
Monday 20 th	The Ragged School Museum Visit – Year 2 – Giraffes and Gorillas
Tuesday 21 st	Phonics Together in KS1
Wednesday 22 nd	Family Navigators Coffee Morning with Emma
Thursday 23 rd	Dentist Visiting School – Fluoride Programme – Reception & Year 1 Children Cooking Together in Nursery
Friday 24 th	Annual Table Top Sale – Christmas Bazaar @TVI
Monday 27 th	Gorillas and Giraffes Visiting The Library
Tuesday 28 th	Tigers and Zebras Visiting The Library



December

Friday 1 st	The TVI Christmas Tree goes up! Parent Event – Christmas Bauble Decorating @9am
Wednesday 6 th	Flu Vaccinations – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 7 th	Christmas Jumper Day @TVI – Save The Children. For all Year Groups. Come in wearing your Christmas Jumper and support 'Save the Children'. Christmas Jumper to be worn over normal uniform. £1 Donation for Save The Children.
Friday 8 th	Christmas Fun Day @TVI - Non-Uniform Day Children will need a carrier bag and some small change / pennies to go shopping with.
Monday 11 th	Pantomime Day – Non-Uniform Day Peter Pan
Friday 15 th	Christmas Dinner at TVI
Monday 18 th	Christmas Concert 1:30pm – Afternoon Nursery and Year 1 Parents
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Concert 9am – Morning Nursery and Year 2 Parents
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Concert 1:30pm – Reception Parents
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Concert 9am – Any parents who missed the earlier slots Last Day of Term for All Year Groups Non-Uniform Day CLASS PARTY DAY – Donations of party foods / drinks needed



January

Thursday 4 th and Friday 5 th	Inset Days for Staff
Monday 8 th	ALL CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL – All Year Groups