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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 29th November



On Friday 29th 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 Emma 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 2nd December – 8:45am

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



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



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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 Friday 2nd December at 8:45am. 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 12th 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 12th 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 6th December.

On Friday 6th 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.



Christmas Lunch at TVI on Friday 13th December

This year the children will be having a traditional Christmas Lunch at school on Friday 13th 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>Tuesday 17th December 1:30pm (for Afternoon Nursery & Year 1 Parents)</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th December 9am (for Morning Nursery & Year 2 Parents)</p>	<p>Thursday 19th December 1:30pm (for Reception Parents)</p>	<p>Friday 20th December 9am (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!



Term Dates and Timings

The last day of term for **Nursery** will be Thursday 19th December at the usual times.

The last day of term for **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**, is Friday 20th December at the earlier time of 1:30pm. Please collect your children at the normal collection point.

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



Class Parties

On the last day of term, the children will be having their Christmas class parties.
Nursery- Thursday 19th
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2- Friday 20th



Party Day is a non-uniform day.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Jordan".

Paul Jordan
Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

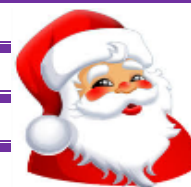
November

Wednesday 27 th	Open Day for Prospective September 2025 Parents/ Carers
Wednesday 27 th	Victorian School Days – Year 2 – Theatre Workshops
Friday 29 th	Cooking Together- Bumblebees
Friday 29 th	The Annual TVI Bring & Buy Sale @ 2:30pm-4pm



December

Monday 2 nd	Family Event – Christmas Bauble Decorating @8:45am in class
Friday 6 th	Christmas Fun Day @TVI - Non-Uniform Day Children will need a carrier bag and some small change / pennies to go shopping with.
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Year 1 Cake Sales Before School- Every Day
Thursday 12 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 13 th	Christmas Dinner @ TVI
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas Concert 1:30pm – Afternoon Nursery and Year 1 Parents/ Carers
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Concert 9am – Morning Nursery and Year 2 Parents/ Carers
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Concert 1:30pm – Reception Parents/ Carers
Thursday 19 th	LAST DAY FOR NURSERY Non-Uniform Day CLASS PARTY DAY – Donations of party foods / drinks needed please.
Friday 20 th	Christmas Concert 9am – Any parents/carers who missed the earlier slots
Friday 20 th	LAST DAY for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, at the EARLIER TIME of 1:30pm Non-Uniform Day CLASS PARTY DAY – Donations of party foods / drinks needed please.



January

Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th	Inset Days for Staff
Wednesday 8 th	ALL CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL – All Year Groups

