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Dear Parents / Carers;

Christmas and New Year @ TVI

Our Children's Fun Day was hugely successful. Our children really enjoyed taking part. I am grateful for all those who volunteered their help on Fun Day and I extend all my thanks for the generous donations of toys and party food.

Christmas Concerts

Christmas concert rehearsals are well underway, and this year's theme is 'A Christmas Joy'. As usual they will be followed by a traditional Nativity led by our Nursery Children.

Please make sure that you are on time for the concert on your child's day because we may not let anyone in after the concert has started.

PLEASE SEE THE BELOW DATES AND TIMES FOR THIS YEAR'S CONCERTS:

Please note, as Nursery closes on the 19th December, there will be no Nativity after Friday's Concert

If you are new to new to our School, let me advise you that due to the popularity of our concerts, we repeat them on 4 occasions across the week. To help manage the crowds, each day has a specific allocated audience, although you can attend any day if that suits your working pattern better. On Friday it will be very busy and we'll reserve the front seats for our BumbleBees' families.

- Tuesday 17th December - 1:30pm for Year 1 and Nursery PM (Penguins PM & Parrots)
- Wednesday 18th December- 9am for Year 2 and Nursery AM (Penguins AM & Parrots)
- Thursday 19th December- 1:30pm- Reception
- Friday 20th December- 9am - BumbleBees (front row seats) & for any families who have missed the previous days



Graded Outstanding Again!

2024



Parties

Class parties will be taking place in School on the following days-

18th December- Nursery PM

19th December- Nursery AM

20th December- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



Your Party Day is a **non-uniform day**.

On Party Days we are grateful for any food you can donate to School. However, children have recently had a lot of cake, crisps and other snack foods. For a change, may we ask you to provide, if possible, some of the below:

We DO need:	savoury food – such as, quiche, pizza, samosas, rice and peas, sandwiches, finger foods, meats (chicken nuggets etc), Paper cups and plates.
We DON'T need:	cakes, <u>lots of</u> crisps, chocolate, biscuits, squash and lollies. Please NO NUTS

Christmas Holiday Break

Remember, on the last day of term children in the classes with the best attendance in each year group will go home with a special little prize – but you need to be in School on the last day to win it!

Nursery will close for the Christmas Holidays on the 19th December at their usual times.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2- School will close on the 20th December at the earlier time of 1:30pm. (TVJ at 1:15pm).

We return to school after Christmas on **Wednesday 8th January 2025** at normal times, for all pupils, including Nursery.

Reading over the Holiday

We are doing a lot to make our children as clever as possible. We want *all* children, regardless of ability, to flourish and grow. Every child has the right to fully reach their potential. All children will be getting special homework for over the holidays.

In addition, parents of children in Reception and Key Stage One can:

- ✚ Hear your child read every day.
- ✚ Practise reading key words from their word book.
- ✚ Practise spelling key words from their word book.
- ✚ Practise “sounding out” simple words – “sh / ee / p”, “t / ow / n” (ask your child, if in Yrs 1 or 2, to play “sound buttons” or the “grid game” – they’ll show you how!).
- ✚ Year 1 and 2 children can even practise copying out their reading books in their best handwriting.



Over 200 specially made resources are available for you to download from the homework section of our website:

<https://thamesviewinfants.org/learning/homework/>

Nursery children need to share stories with adults at home. They need lots of opportunities to play games and to talk. Children learn so much when we spend quality time talking chatting with them.

Our special 100% Attendance Flower Assembly and Bike Award

Parents of children that come to school every single day each term are invited to attend a special 'flower assembly'. Each family gets a bunch of flowers and each child gets a special certificate to commemorate the event. Each term, we also award a specially selected child with a bike for making a big effort in this matter.



Many thanks to all those families that have made sure that their child has come to school every day so far this term!

Continuing to Come to School Every Day

The first **100% Assembly**, will be on **Friday 17th January**.

If your child has qualified for this assembly, please look out for the special invitation that your child will bring home early in the new year.



School continues to be a thriving and enjoyable place with high-quality learning taking place. Important and very valuable learning will continue to take place in school around traditional celebrations. It is unfair to deprive any child from the memorable social and emotional benefits of being fully immersed in school life at this special time of year. We want all our children to reach their maximum potentials and flourish. Only with regular attendance, can we achieve this together. **To make sure you qualify for the attendance award, you must continue to bring your child to school every day, until and including, the last day of term.**



Time to apply for a Reception place?



If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, then they'll be due to start Reception in September 2025. It's really important that you apply for a place in Reception. Even if you have a place in our Nursery, you still have to apply again for Reception. [You can apply on-line by going on the LBD website](#). The closing date 15 January 2025. If you are applying after 15 January 2024, your application will be considered as 'Late' but you can still make a Reception application. Please come and see Emma if you have any questions about this process or if you need help.

There's still lots more to look forward to...

After the Christmas holidays we'll be starting '**Learning Together**'. This is a great chance for you to come in to our Outstanding provision, see how your child learns at TVI and observe how well they are taught. Again – keep an eye out for that newsletter after the break!

Then, after Easter it'll be '**Sports Together**'. This is great fun and the children love sharing a sports lesson with their parents / carers – keep an eye out for our 'Sports Together' newsletter later on in the school year!

May I thank you in advance for all your help in trying to bring your child to school every day. Christmas is a very special time of the year. On behalf of all my staff, I wish you and your families, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Jordan'.

Paul Jordan,
Headteacher