# Thames View Infants




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Dear Parents/Carers;

## Christmas is Coming!

It's far too early to mention Christmas in School yet, but it will soon be upon us. I love this time of the year. 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 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 27th November




On Friday 27th 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 £10 (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 - 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. You can sell anything you like – old toys, bric-a-brac, clothes, home-made food items...It's a great way to make some extra cash! We hope to see you all there!

## Switching on The Thames View Lights – Parental Event – 1st December – 3:30pm at the Farr Avenue Shops



On 1st December the Thames View Christmas tree lights are being switched on at the Farr Avenue shops and our children have been invited along to help by our local Councillor, Lucy Lee! Over the next week the children will all be making a Christmas decoration in school. The idea is that on Tuesday 1st December, after school, you collect your child and make your way to the big Christmas Tree, at the Farr Avenue shops with their decorated "bauble". We'll all have a little Christmas sing-song, the children can each hang their ornaments on the tree and then at 3:30pm the lights will be switched on! It's going to be a lovely community start to Christmas, and we'd love for you to join us.

## Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 10th December






This year, as usual, we are going to be supporting 'Save the Children' and participating in 'Christmas Jumper Day'. On **Thursday 10th December** all children are invited to wear their **Christmas Jumpers** to school in return for a donation of **£2** 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 4th December

On Friday 4th 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 stall where children will be able to do their Christmas shopping and '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 £3.00.



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## 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 some donations 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 £2) 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 Monday 14th December



This year the children will be having a traditional Christmas Lunch at school on Monday 14th December. Our kitchen team will be cooking up a delicious roast turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. There will of course be other options too.



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## Christmas Concerts



Christmas concerts are still a very long way off indeed; We're 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:

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| **Tuesday 15th December 1:30pm (for Reception Parents)** | **Wednesday 16th December 9:30am (for Morning and Full Time Nursery & Year 1 Parents)** | **Thursday 17th December 1:30pm (for Afternoon Nursery & Year 2 Parents)** | **Friday 18th December 9:30am (for Parents Who Missed The Earlier Slots)** |

Remember! On concert days **you won't be able to bring buggies or push-chairs** into school (for Health and Safety/Congestion reasons), but they can be left under the shelter outside the office. 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 ALL children will be on Friday 18th December and it will be an **early finish time of 1:30pm.**

The first day back to school for all children will be on **Tuesday 5th January**.

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






## Class Parties – Friday 18th December

On the last day of term the children will be having their Christmas class parties. **Party Day is a non-uniform day.**

**Please note that Afternoon Nursery children will have their class party on Wednesday 16th December.**

Yours sincerely,

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