



Christmas



November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find details and a calendar of events on the run up to Christmas. Please keep the calendar handy for your reference.

SAMARITAN'S SHOEBOX APPEAL

As usual, we are taking part in the Shoebox Campaign for the ***Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal*** and you have already received the leaflet which tells you all you need to know about what kinds of things to fill your shoebox with and how to pack and wrap it. (There are spare leaflets in school if you need another.)



We have decided to do this again this year as we feel it is a fun and festive activity as well as supporting a very worthy cause. I also feel it helps the children to understand the real meaning of Christmas and to think of others who are less fortunate than themselves. Please note that the donation cost of the shoebox is **£3**.

The boxes are being picked up from school on **Tuesday 24 November**. If you are supporting the appeal, can I thank you on behalf of the charity for your kindness. Please make sure the shoeboxes are in for first thing on Tuesday morning.

School Pantomime



We have a theatre production company, "M&M Productions", coming into school to perform the pantomime **"Robin Hood"** on **Wednesday 25 November**. If you wish for your child to view the pantomime, please send £5 in a named envelope and their teacher will allocate them a ticket. If you have more than one child, it would be £5 for the first child and then £3 for any siblings. These payments should be sent into school before **Friday 20 November** to book a place.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Our Christingle Service will be held on **Friday 27 November at 2.45pm** at St Philip's and St James' Church and all are welcome to attend. Parents may accompany their children on the walk down to church and if you wish to do so, please arrive in school by 2.15 pm. Nursery/Reception parents – please inform Mrs Turner and sign the sheet in the porch.

The children will be dismissed from church after the service, ***so please collect your child from the church.*** If your child is in KS2 they may walk home themselves.

As every year, your child will be bringing home their own Christingle candle collection box for any donations you wish to make to the "Children's Society". These should be brought into school before Friday 4 December.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year, Christmas lunch will be served on **Tuesday 1 December** for staff, governors and pupils. If your child is on packed lunches, they can book their Christmas lunch for £2.00. Please note that numbers **must** be in by the morning of **Monday 23 November**. Please send orders in a clearly marked envelope.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE



This year, our Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday 4 December** at **1.30 pm**, where we will be having a number of stalls including refreshments. If you have any such items you would like to donate, such as raffle prizes, tombola prizes, bric-a-brac, toys, handbags, scarves or jewellery, could you please bring them into school by the morning of Thursday 3 December. Please find attached two strips of raffle tickets for the Fayre. Please print your name on the back of **each** raffle ticket and return to school with 50p per strip in a clearly marked envelope.

EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY PLAY



Our Early Years/KS1 Nativity play will take place on **Wednesday 16 December** at 9.30am. Please come along and entrance is £1 to be paid at the door.

CELEBRATIONS ASSEMBLY/ KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Our Celebrations Assembly is on **Thursday 17 December** at **2.00 pm** and all are welcome to attend.

This year, KS2 will not be performing a play but will be singing a selection of carols and Christmas songs after the Celebrations Assembly.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND FAMILY ASSEMBLIES

All outdoor clubs have now finished. All the indoor clubs will finish after next week except the booster sessions which will finish on Thursday 10 December. There are no more Family Assemblies for the remainder of this term.

Keep Universal Infant Free School Meals in schools in England

In September 2014 the government introduced UIFSM in schools in England. There have recently been a number of reports in the media that the government are considering scrapping UIFSM to save money. There is a petition online calling on the government to back UIFSM and not scrap it. If you wish to add your name to it, go on <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/107913>. At 100,000 signatures, this petition will be considered for debate in Parliament.

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CHRISTMAS PARTIES/LAST DAY OF TERM



The children's Christmas parties will be on **Friday 18 December**, which is the last day of term. Children may come to school in their party clothes, however, please note that sensible shoes must still be worn and make up is not allowed during school hours. Please note this is not a toy day so please do not send toys into school.

The children will have a Christmas buffet lunch and children on packed lunches may order one for £2.00. Orders must be received by **Friday 4 December** in a marked envelope.

And Finally

We break up for Christmas on Friday 18 December and if you wish, you may pick up your child from 1.15 pm. We return to school on Tuesday 5 January 2016.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!!

Lisa Jackson

Headteacher



TOW LAW MILLENNIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL 2015 Christmas Activities



Date	Time	Event
Monday 23 November	am	Deadline for Christmas meal orders if child is on packed lunch
Tuesday 24 November	am	Collection of Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes
Wednesday 25 November	9.30 am	"Robin Hood" pantomime in school
Friday 27 November	2.45 pm	Christingle Service in St Philip's & St James' Church. All parents/carers welcome. Children dismissed from church.
Tuesday 1 December	12 noon	Christmas Dinner Day (for children, staff, and governors only)
Wednesday 2 December		Football match at Parkside Comprehensive.
Friday 4 December	1.30 pm	Christmas Fayre in the School Hall
Wednesday 9 December	am	Reception Xmas Trip to Burnhill Nature Reserve
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	pm	Nursery Christmas Craft afternoon (<i>no Nursery am session today</i>)
Thursday 10 December	11 am	Carol Singing at Baring Court (tbc)
Friday 11 December	9.30 am	Dress Rehearsal – EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play (for KS2 to view – children only)
Tuesday 15 December	9.30 am	The Music Service perform a Christmas concert for all children (tbc)
Wednesday 16 December	9.30 am	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance. Entrance £1 at door.
Thursday 17 December	2.00 pm	Celebrations Assembly in School Hall followed by KS2's Christmas Carols and Songs Concert
Friday 18 December	am	Christmas Parties followed by Xmas buffet lunch (no toys to be brought in)
		School closes for Xmas break. Parents can pick children up from 1.15 pm.
Tuesday 5 January 2016	8.55 am	School re-opens.

