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Tuesday 7th October

Hello everyone!

I know that many of our parents appreciate advance warning of upcoming Christmas events so they can arrange time off work to attend the festive season events. With this in mind, I thought that you would like to see the dates of our upcoming Parents Meetings, Nativity performances, KS2 Carol concert and Festive Fun Day. I have also included another reminder about Hogwarts Day.

Hogwarts Day and Muggles Mayhem

Friday 10th October We will be holding a **non uniform day** and we are asking your children to bring in a contribution for our tombolas:

Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2 are asked to bring to school an item for our **chocolate** tombola.

Year 3/ Year 4/ Year 5 / Year 6 children are asked to bring in a bottle for the **bottle** tombola. If it is a bottle of alcohol, please can this be sent straight to the office and be brought in by adults only.

Monday 13th October We would like to invite all families to **carve a pumpkin** to help decorate our school for Hogwarts Day. Please can these be brought into school on Monday 13th October.

Tuesday 14th October - Hogwarts Day

We are inviting all of our children to dress up as Hogwarts Students. Please do not send your child dressed as any scary characters eg Voldemort. Do not feel that you need to go to the expense of buying a special outfit for this event; your child's school uniform with a hat/cape would be perfect. If possible, we would like all children to have a broom so they can take part in Quidditch and our broomstick flying lessons. If the weather is dry, we will be walking with KS2 children to the amphitheatre during the school day.

Tuesday 14th October - THERE WILL BE NO ONSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB OR ORIGAMI CLUB AFTER SCHOOL.

Tuesday 14th October - Muggles Mayhem 15:30-17:00.

We would like to invite all of our families to our 'Muggles Mayhem' Fayre.

Entry is £2.50 per adult and children are free. With each adult ticket, you will be able to enjoy a free drink (tea/coffee/juice) and biscuit. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be lots of crafts for your children to enjoy in the classrooms (£1/£2 per craft item) along with fun games.

Parents' Evenings

All parents will have an opportunity to come into school to have a chat about how your child has settled into their new year group. This will be completed over 2 evenings - Wednesday 12th November and Wednesday 19th November. More information will follow with how to book an appointment before half term.

Masses

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Masses in the run up to Christmas. Please note that these Masses are subject to change depending on Father Manny's availability.

Friday 24th October - Year 3 / Year 4

Friday 14th November - Reception / Year 6

Friday 28th November - Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 5

Friday 12th December - KS2

Preparing for Christmas

Christmas decorations are now in the shops and I can even hear our children starting to talk about what presents they are going to ask Father Christmas for. We LOVE Christmas at Holy Family! I am going to outline below some of the exciting events that we have coming up:



Nativity performances

The Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will all be starting to practise their Nativity performance after half term.

Here are the times for the performances:

The performances for Nursery/Reception will take place during the school day only and there will be no evening performance.

The performances for Key Stage One will be held over Tuesday 9th December and Wednesday 10th December. To limit the number of people attending in the hall at one time, we have split the dates and times as follows:

- Tuesday 9th December - 10.30am Nursery/Reception parents & families
- Tuesday 9th December - 2.30pm Year 2 parents & families
- Tuesday 9th December - 5.30pm Year 1 parents & families
- Wednesday 10th December - 10.30am Year 1 parents & families
- Wednesday 10th December - 2.30pm Nursery/Reception parents & families
- Wednesday 10th December - 5.30pm Year 2 parents & families

Please note that the evening performances for the Year 1 /Year 2 Nativity do require ALL Year 1 and Year 2 children to attend both performances. All of these children are involved in both performances.

TICKETS

Unfortunately, due to space, only the families and friends of the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are able to watch the show.

Nursery/Reception Performances

There will be a maximum of **2 seats** for each performance.

Year 1 and Year 2 Performances

Each family (with children in these year groups) have been allocated a maximum of **4 seats** for each performance.

No tickets will be given out. Instead, there will be a list of all of the Foundation Stage and Infant families and names will be crossed out by a member of staff as each family enters the school to take their seats. Please ensure that the correct number of people per family turn up to watch the show to save the embarrassment of having to turn people away.

KS2 Carol Concert

On the afternoon of **Tuesday 16th December at 2pm**, KS2 will be holding their annual Carol Service in Holy Family Church. All KS2 friends and family are warmly invited to join us.



Father Christmas visit on Wednesday 17th December

We are excited to welcome Father Christmas into our school on the morning of **Wednesday 17th December**. Your child will get to meet Father Christmas and receive a gift.

Festive Fun Day on Wednesday 17th December. We have a day of Festive Fun activities planned for all of our wonderful children. You will be able to order a Christmas Dinner (via lunchshop - **this must be ordered by Friday 5th December**) for your child if they would like to have one; there will also be a Christmas themed movie (with cookies and hot chocolate). The children can come to school wearing non-uniform.

We are asking for a donation of £5 per child for the Father Christmas visit and present and our Festive Fun Day and payments can be made via our school money system nearer the time (we will send a message when this is set up at the end of November).

Christmas Parties. The children will be able to enjoy some fun party games and dances during the last week of term. On your child's party day, your child can come dressed in their party clothes. Please ensure that the clothes are suitable for your child to play out in eg no high heeled shoes and can we also ask that no children wear crop tops. Below is a timetable outlining which days the parties are on:

Thursday 18th December - (am) Year 1/2 and (pm) Year 5/6

Friday 19th December (am) - Nursery/Reception (pm) Year 3/4

Many thanks,

Mrs R Porter