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December Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought it would be beneficial to outline the array of events happening during December, as it is looking rather busy and I do not want children or parents to miss out on anything.

SSP Santa Fun Run

First up, starting Monday 1st December, is the SSP Santa Fun Run. All year groups will be taking part in this event at some point during the week. Children are encouraged to bring in Santa hats, or other Christmas headwear, to wear whilst completing as many laps of the playground as possible. The total number of laps are collected for all pupils and sent across to the SSP who will collate the results and a prize given to the school who have travelled the furthest towards the North Pole.

PTFA Winter Fayres

The next events will be the PTFA Winter Fayres. These are scheduled for Thursday 4th December 3.15pm-4pm for Nursery and Reception and Friday 5th December 3.15pm-4.15pm for Year 1 and Year 2.

As part of the Winter Fayres, the children have been given 2 tasks to take part in in preparation.

1. Class Challenge – each class have been assigned a colour and children encouraged to bring in items of that colour to be sold as part of the gift and wrap table. The class colours are as follows:

Pebbles Nursery – **Purple**

Class 1 – **Green**

Class 2 – **Red**

Class 3 – **Yellow**

Class 4 – **Orange**

Class 5 – **Blue**

Class 6 – **Pink**

Please bring in any items by Monday 1st December and leave them in the collection box located inside the office area on the left-hand side.

2. Christmas Cracker – Every pupil has been given a pre-cut Christmas cracker to decorate and fill with small toys, party bag fillers or wrapped sweets. The best decorated crackers will be selected to win a prize. Please bring these in by Monday 1st December.

Please see attached posters for further details about the PTFA Winter Fayres, including pricing.

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REAL Workshop

This will be taking place on the morning of Friday 5th December for those with children in Nursery and Reception. The focus of this workshop is 'Oral Language'. A letter has been sent out with further information on.

Christmas Craft Sessions

After the success of these sessions with both pupils and parents last year, we have scheduled these in again. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend with your child or children throughout the week.

Tuesday 9th December – Year 1

Class 3 – 9am-10am

Class 4 – 10.15am-11.15am

Wednesday 10th December – Reception

Class 5 – 9am-10am

Class 6 – 10.15am-11.15am

Thursday 11th December – Year 2

Class 1 – 9am-10am

Class 2 – 10.15am-11.15am

Friday 12th December – Pebbles Nursery concert and craft 'stay and play' session – 9.15am-10.30am

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 11th December, all children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or top with their school uniform. All staff will be taking part as well. Donations will be collected for the organisation 'Save the Children UK'.

Christmas Dinner Day

The children's Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 11th December in line with Christmas jumper day. Please see the poster attached, from our catering company Radish, outlining the menu for the day.

Mayor's Christmas Concert

Our school choir will be performing at this event on the afternoon of Thursday 11th December. A letter will be sent out to those in the choir to find out how many of the children would like a Christmas dinner before they leave school at 12.15pm.

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Pantomime

On Monday 15th December, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be travelling to Basildon Towngate Theatre to experience this year's pantomime, Sleeping Beauty! This is an afternoon performance which starts at 1.30pm with a running time of approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes. With this in mind, along with traffic taken into consideration, the children are likely to return to school at around 5pm. Senior leaders on the trip will keep in contact with those in school who will be able to update parents via text message of a return time. All children will require a packed lunch on this day to eat before departing the school.

If your child is eligible for free school meals (Pupil Premium) and you would like a school packed lunch, please contact the school office to book this by Wednesday 10th December.

Reception Christmas Nativity

Our wonderful Reception cohort will be performing their Christmas nativity on Tuesday 16th December and Wednesday 17th December at 9.15am. Tickets will be available via the school office, every day from 3pm, as of Monday 8th December. Please see the separate letter for further details.

Christingle Service

On Tuesday 16th December, all year groups will be attending a Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church which will be led by Reverend Marion. Permission letters for this event have already been sent out.

Friday 19th December

We are very lucky to have a visit booked from Canvey Rotary's sleigh during the afternoon of Friday 19th December.

This will be followed by the whole school and nursery singing Christmas songs on the playground to the parents and carers on pick up from 3pm.

The PTFA will also be selling hot chocolate, cookies and doughnuts on the playground from 3pm.

Yours sincerely,

H Maynard

Miss H. Maynard
Acting Headteacher

Please see attached:

- PTFA Winter Fayre posters
- Christmas dinner menu
- Christmas craft session letter – This will be sent home with your child in their book bags

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