

# CHRISTMAS 2023 AT DOVECOTES



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe how quickly the festive season is approaching; this term has flown by as quickly as Father Christmas in his sleigh! This letter aims to outline the upcoming Christmas festivities.

## Productions

As of last year, we continue with the decision that it is impossible to allow big Christmas productions to take place. The rehearsal time required when putting together phase productions is huge, and we simply cannot dedicate this much learning time to school practices. Instead, each class will perform a celebration assembly throughout the year - thank you to those classes who have already performed theirs this term.

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: **Reception, Nursery and Little Doves Nativity** for Parents and Carers in the KS1 Hall at 1:45pm. Little Doves and afternoon nursery pupils will be in this show.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: **Reception, Nursery and Little Doves Nativity** for Parents and Carers in the KS1 Hall at 9:30am. Morning nursery pupils will be in this show.

Other significant dates and details are:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: **Children in Need Day** £1 for non-uniform with an option of PJs/onesies and teachers' show entry! 20p ticket money all this week for our soft toy raffle. Cake sale on Friday – please send in donations on Friday morning and please send in 20p-50p to buy cakes.

Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December: **Parent and Pupil Christmas Craft Workshops for KS1 and 2:** An opportunity for you to come in to school and do some fun, festive arts and crafts activities with your children. Dates and times are as follows:

Year 1 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

Year 5 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

Year 6 - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm (if you have children in Years 5 and 6 you can do half and half – the workshops are just in different halls)

Year 2 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Year 4 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2pm (if you have children in Years 2 and 4 you can do half and half – the workshops are just in different halls)

Year 3 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas Jumper Day.** 50p per pupil. All proceeds go to the charity 'Save the Children'.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas disco:** The disco for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be 3:30-4:15pm and will be £2.50 payable on the door (which includes a drink of squash) and the disco for Year 3-Year 6 pupils will be 4:30-5:30pm with an entry fee payable on the door of £3.00 (again including a drink of squash). Money made will go into the school fund.

Monday 11th December: **Non-uniform Day to collect goods for the Christmas Fayre – see below!**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: **Choir performing Christmas songs in Wolverhampton Market 1:30pm approximate start time at the moment** – more details to follow for choir members.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas Movie Night**, 4:30-6:15 for Year 1 and Year 2 in the KS1 hall and Year 3 to Year 6 in the KS2 hall. Entry costs £2 including popcorn and a drink. Proceeds will go into the School Fund.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Dinner Day** For Reception and KS1 this is free and, for pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals, this is included in their entitlement. A further letter will have come home for pupils to indicate whether they would like sandwiches or Christmas dinner on that day.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-5pm:** Proceeds will go into the School Fund. In exchange for the non-uniform day on 11<sup>th</sup> December, can each of the following classes bring in the following items to sell or raffle off at the fayre:

**Reception plus Nursery and Little Doves if you wish to:** Cakes and biscuits

**Year 1, 1/2 and 2:** Jars filled with sweets or little goodies

**Year 3/4SM and Year 3/4MH:** Toiletries

**Year 3/4HE and Year 5/6GL:** Unwanted gifts that could be used to buy for Christmas presents, e.g. candles etc.

**Year 5/6CM and Year 5/6LG:** Bottles for our bottle tombola. (Any alcoholic drinks should be sent in to the main school office.)

Each class will have some time to make craft items during the school day and at family workshops as detailed above.

If any parents/carers should wish to donate toys and games in good condition and full working order for a second-hand toy sale we would be extremely grateful.

And finally, we invite our choir members to be present at our Christmas Fayre at 4pm to perform a few festive songs whilst you shop!

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas Party Day.** All classes will have their Christmas party today, and pupils can bring their party clothes to change into. **Morning nursery pupils will have their party on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December due to productions.** Pupils will receive a gift from Father Christmas and will enjoy dancing and party games, along with some festive nibbles, so make sure the allergy information we hold for your child is up-to-date at the office please.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: **Pantomime Day:** As a special Christmas treat, we have booked a touring theatre company to come and perform their Aladdin Pantomime from 1:45-3:15 p.m. This will be for pupils from Reception to Year 6, as it is a little loud and over the top for nursery and Little Doves pupils! We will not be charging for this event (Oh no we won't!); this is our Christmas gift to the children.

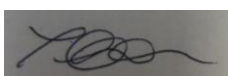
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: **Carol Service 10am for pupils only.**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: **School closes at 1pm - afternoon nursery and Little Doves is also closed on this day, along with our Dove Club after school.**

We hope this will provide a fun festive season for all and ensure that our children at Dovecotes have a magical experience!

Best wishes,

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(Headteacher)