

CHRISTMAS 2022 AT DOVECOTES



Tuesday 22nd November, 2022

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

In line with last year's successful performances, we have made 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.

Christmas performances are as follows:

Tuesday 13th December: **Year 5/6C (Mrs Gould's Class) Christmas Performance** for Parents and Carers in the KS2 Hall at 9:15am.

Wednesday 14th December: **Nursery and Little Doves Nativity** for Parents and Carers in the KS1 Hall at 9:30am for morning pupils and at 1:30pm for afternoon pupils.

Other significant dates and details are:

Friday 2nd December: **Non-uniform Day to collect goods for the Christmas Fayre – see below!**

Wednesday 7th 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.

Friday 9th December: **Christmas Jumper Day**. 50p per pupil. All proceeds go to the charity 'Save the Children'.

Friday 9th December: **Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-5pm:** For the first time this year, we will be holding a Christmas Fayre that is open to family and friends. Proceeds will go into the School Fund. In exchange for the non-uniform day on 2nd 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 and 2: Jars filled with sweets or little goodies

Year 3/4A and Year 3/4B: Toiletries

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

Year 5/6B and Year 5/6C: 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 we will be selling beautiful festive knitted gifts too.

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 13th December: **Pantomime Day:** As a special Christmas treat, we have booked a touring theatre company to come and perform their Snow White 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 15th December: **Christmas Party Day.** All classes will have their Christmas party today, and pupils can bring their party clothes to change into (Nursery and Little Doves may wear their party clothes for the whole session). 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.

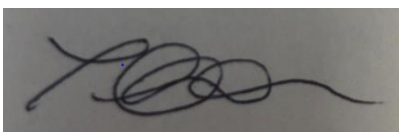
Friday 16th December: **Little Doves and Nursery closed to pupils.**

Friday 16th December: **Carol Service (for pupils only).**

Friday 16th December: **Christmas Dinner Day and End of Term.** Pupils will have their Christmas dinner on the last day of term. 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 come home soon for pupils to indicate whether they would like sandwiches or Christmas dinner on that day. After the Christmas meal, and in line with all other schools in our local area, pupils will get their afternoon mark and finish school at 1:15 p.m.

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

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