



Newsletter 29th November 2024

Christmas Performances

We are quickly approaching Christmas season in school and as you know we will host a number of amazing performances by some of our Year groups in school (Reception, Year 2, 4 and 6). Auditions have been held and rehearsals are well under way. Information on how to purchase tickets for these events has been sent home but please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Please note that all morning performances will now start at **9.30am** and evening performances at **5.00pm**.

Parent Communication

In school we operate an open-door policy and try to be as flexible in our relationship and communication parents as possible. We took the decision a few years ago to share teacher email addresses with parents to aid and improve communication. This is a great system but adds to the workload of staff who are first and foremost there to teach your children. We have recently reviewed our parent communication policy and I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- be aware that communication in this form will not receive an immediate response as all staff have full time teaching commitments.

- Staff will endeavour to respond **within 48 hours during the working week (8.30am – 5.30pm)**
- Staff are not expected to reply at weekends.

Please be aware that if the communication is urgent or a child protection and safety issue, they should contact the school by telephone or in person.

Conyers Show – Nativity the Musical

We had a wonderful time on Thursday taking our Y3 and Y5 children to Middlesbrough Theatre to see a performance of Nativity the Musical by the children of Conyers. It was a very funny performance by some incredibly talented children – we even spotted some ex-pupils!



Reindeer Run

We are once again hosting a 'Rudolph Run' in aid of Teesside Hospice. This will take place during the school day on **Monday 2nd December**.

A sponsor form has been sent home with your child for your personal use with family and friends.



JustGiving sends your donation straight to Teesside Hospice and can, if you give permission, reclaim Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. The page can be accessed at:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/barley-fields-primary-school-1732619579839?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fbarley-fields-primary-school-1732619579839&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

or by following a direct link from MMe or our school Facebook Page.



Children should also wear their Christmas jumpers on Monday for a £1 donation towards the Christmas activities and treats in school.

School Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will take place on Monday 16th December. We will all enjoy lunch together with music playing and a real party atmosphere in the dining hall.

All children who opt for a hot school lunch will have a Christmas themed menu on this day. A message on MMe will be sent out early next week for children who have dietary needs and take a hot lunch. Children who bring packed lunches are permitted to bring any special treats for themselves on this day but please remember no nuts!



Christmas Raffle

Children will be bringing tickets home next week for our fabulous Christmas Raffle. We have some wonderful prizes including:

1st prize is £200 cash

2nd prize £100 cash

3rd prize £50 cash

We also have a variety of other mixed prizes and hampers. Tickets will also be on sale during our school performances. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 19th December.

School Choir Visit to Stockton Globe



On Friday last week representative from our school choirs went off to Stockton Globe to write and record a Trust Christmas Song. The children had an amazing time and we can't wait to hear what they came up with. The finished song and video will be published on our Facebook page in December.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair last week – it was an amazing success. Our PTA raised an estimated £840 but the final amounts have yet to come in. Well done everyone and a big thank you to the PTA.


Our amazing PTA are also holding their annual AGM on Thursday 5th December at 2.15pm. Our Collectively the PTA do so much for our school family and they would love to welcome some new members, so if you can spare a small amount of time please come along and join us.


And finally, the PTA have also signed up with easy fundraising to help raise funds for school when you are shopping online. Please scan the QR code opposite and shop via the cause page. Its costs you nothing but is a wonderful fundraiser for school.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Mrs Taylor
Head Teacher

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2nd Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation towards Christmas activities in school Charity Reindeer Run Supporting Teesside Hospice 	3rd	4th Reception Christmas Production 'We are going on a Baby Hunt' Mrs Allan 9.30am Mrs Ripley 2.00pm	5th Reception Christmas Production 'We are going on a Baby Hunt' Mrs Flores Dominguez 9.30am School Choir Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert 10.00-12.00pm	6th
9th	10th Year 4 Christmas Production 5.00pm 	11th Year 4 Christmas Production 9.30am 	12th Year 2 Christmas production ' 'The Bossy King' 5.00pm 	13th Year 2 Christmas production ' 'The Bossy King' 9.30am 
16th Year 1 and 2 Christmas Craft Day Year 3 and 4 Christmas Craft Day School Christmas Lunch 	17th Year 6 Christmas Production The Wizard of Oz 5.00pm 	18th Year 6 Christmas Production The Wizard of Oz 9.30am  Nursery Christmas Celebration	19th Year 1 Pantomime Visit Billingham Forum Cinderella 12.30—5.15pm Upper Key Stage 2 Year 5 and 6 Craft Day	20th Crazy Christmas Christmas themed non- uniform day Christmas Movie and Tuck Shop Christmas Games and Activities



**December
2024**

*Break up from School on
Friday 20th December 2024*

*Return to school on
Monday 6th January 2025*

