



Friars Primary School & Nursery

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Wednesday 1st November 2023

Christmas 2023 Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a very lovely half term! I realise that this letter is coming to you early and that there are still 54 days until Christmas but, like last year, we thought we would give you as much notice as possible to help with diary planning. We are very happy to share that once again we will be hosting our Winter Wonderland decoration making sessions for every year group and Christmas performances for our younger children.

Winter Wonderlands

This is an opportunity for **one** parent/carer or another family member to come into school and to make Christmas decorations with your child. Please see the dates and times below for your child's session.

Thursday 30 th November 1:45pm	Year 1
Monday 4 th December 2:00pm	Year 3
Tuesday 5 th December 2:00pm	Year 6
Wednesday 6 th December 2:00pm	Year 5
Thursday 7 th December 2:00pm	Year 4
Friday 8 th December 1:45pm	Year 2
Monday 11 th December 1:45pm	Reception
Wednesday 13 th December 10:15am	Nursery (afternoon children invited to attend the session)

Unfortunately, due to space in classrooms and health and safety, younger siblings **must not** attend.

[Further details about the Winter Wonderlands will be emailed the week before your event.](#)

Reception and Key Stage 1 Performances

We are pleased to share that our younger children will be performing this Christmas. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all working on their own productions with two showings of each performance. As you will understand, we must restrict numbers to two adults per child due to space in our hall and health and safety. May we ask that you do not bring younger siblings unless **absolutely necessary**. **Please only attend one performance**.

Wednesday 6 th December 9:15am	Reception Nativity Performance 1
Thursday 7 th December 9:15am	Reception Nativity Performance 2
Tuesday 12 th December 9:15am & 2:15pm	Year 1 Christmas Play Performances
Friday 15 th December 9:15am & 2:15pm	Year 2 Christmas Play Performances

Performances will be in the Key Stage 2 Hall. The hall will be accessed by the external door at the front of the building.

For the morning performances, adults can wait in the KS2 Hall from 8:45am. For the afternoon performances, please queue at the KS2 Hall door (along from the Maths Room) from 1:50pm. Doors will open shortly afterwards.

We will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits for a donation. Please bring change.

Special Visitor

We have lots of connections at Friars and the PTA are known for rubbing shoulders with many famous people. Our very good friend from the North Pole is checking his diary and all being well, he will be visiting on Friday 15th December. Of course, this will depend on whether or not the children are all well behaved between now and then 😊

PTA Christmas Fayre

Finally, our PTA are busy organising the return of our Christmas Fayre this year, which is planned to take place on Friday 1st December. This will be a chance for you to pick the children up early from school at 2:00pm (following your usual end of the day collection arrangements) so that you can visit the fayre together.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Our school Christmas lunch this year will be on Wednesday 13th December. Mrs. Stephens and her team always make a lovely lunch and I would thoroughly recommend booking. We invite children to wear a Christmas jumper on this day too. If your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper, they can wear a Christmas t-shirt or have a Christmas accessory with them to wear at lunchtime.

More details will follow about all of these events but should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the school office by email or telephone.

PTA Christmas Shopping Evening

Unfortunately, the PTA Christmas Shopping evening will not take place this year. The good news is that the stallholders who were attending will be invited to the Christmas Fayre instead.

Finally...

Please note that the booking system for the Learning Conversation Evenings should go live later today. Please look out for the email explaining all.

Yours sincerely,

C. McClay

Mr. C. McClay
Principal