

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## PTA Thank You



We would like to thank all the families in school for your very generous donations over the last few weeks. We wouldn't be able to run as many fun stalls for the fair without all the chocolate, bottles, jars of sweets and pound coins for the raffle.

We hope you will be able to come to the Fair this evening, from 5pm - 7pm. You will find the Makers Market in the hall and stalls dotted around the classrooms. Santa will be towards the bottom of the corridor in his grotto. The raffle will be drawn at 6.45pm in the hall.



## Coffee & Mince Pies



The PTA will very kindly be serving hot drinks and mince pies before and after the Christmas performances. For the morning show, parents can come into the hall after drop off for refreshments beforehand. For afternoon shows, parents will be able to stay behind afterwards and have a drink before pick up. Raffle tickets will also be sold and festive prizes can be won. A small donation for refreshments would be gratefully received.

## Christmas Performance Photographs

A reminder to all parents coming to the EYFS, KS1 and Y5 performances, that we do allow photographs to be taken but ask for them **not** to be placed on social media. For some children in our school, having their images on sites such as Facebook, could potentially put them at risk. Please respect this and don't do it.

Once again, I am extremely grateful to Kelliejo who will be taking some photos of the Nursery and Y2 children in their costumes which will be available for parents to buy for £1. Photos can be ordered with the PTA before and after the performances. Orders will only be taken with payment so please bring money with you on the day.

## Spring Term Clubs

This week we sent home a letter regarding Extra Curricular Clubs for the Spring Term. These are available to book now on:

<https://eduspot.co.uk/>.

Booking will close on Friday 11th January and Clubs will commence on Monday 14th January.

## Key Dates

We will break up for the Christmas holiday on Wednesday 19th December at 3.15pm. School will re-open again for children on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.50am.





## Holiday Dates for 2020/21

### HAVE YOUR SAY!!!

A Local Authority admissions consultation opened this week to determine school holiday dates for 2020/21. Whilst this seems a long time away, it is your chance to have your say as the consultation is proposing two alternatives – one being finishing for summer on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and the other being having one week at Whit but finishing on 29<sup>th</sup> July. We are forced into being in school for the first week in August due to a late start in September 2020 and almost a 3 week holiday at Christmas. The proposal suggests we come back to school on the 11th January 2021.

Whilst the consultation is asking for feedback on the Whit holiday, I suggest making comments about the setting of the rest of the dates for that academic year. I have made a response on behalf of school and am asking staff and parents to respond, stating your preferences. The proposed arrangements can be viewed [here](#) and you can [have your say here](#).

This is the only opportunity we have to make our views heard! You do not need to make any comments against the admissions questions - the section you need about holiday dates is tucked away at the end of the consultation!

## Parent Council

Unfortunately, we don't have enough numbers to make the Parent Council viable this year. If anything changes for parents next term and you feel you would be able to commit please let me know.

As an alternative way to hear the parental voice we will use the Parent Area of the website to ask for feedback and questions. Please log in with the password used for Parents' Evening bookings.



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

Due to popular demand last year, we have decided to hold an official Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We will be making the day Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December to coincide with our Christmas dinner. An optional donation can be brought to school to be given directly to the Save the Children Fund. Don't have a Christmas jumper? It's fine, wear some bright colours or some tinsel instead!

Last week we had an issue with our email service and the Newsletter didn't arrive until Monday evening. If you find the newsletter doesn't arrive in your inbox on a Friday afternoon, you can usually find it on the bottom left of the home page of the school website.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Fair this evening,

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows  
and the Etchells staff

