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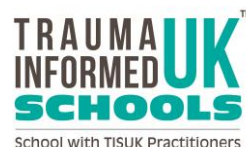
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Christmas 2024 Dates and Information

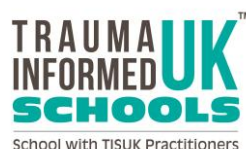
Dear Parents and Carers,



As the festive season is fast approaching, we would like to share with you our plans for Christmas 2024.

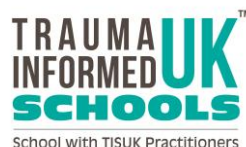
<p>Friday 29th November</p>	<p><u>Pantomime in School</u> The 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' Pantomime is in school this year. The FS-Y2 children will be watching in the morning, and the Y3-Y6 children will be watching in the afternoon. There is a payment of £5.00 which can be made via ParentPay using the "Pantomime 2024" offer. The children can bring in a snack to have during this time.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd December</p>	<p><u>Christmas Disco</u> The FS/KS1 children (FS, Y1 and Y2) will be having their Christmas Disco straight after school. This will run until 4.30pm. The KS2 (Y3-Y6) disco will run from 5.00pm to 6.15pm. There will be a cost of £2.95 per child for their ticket. Only children who have purchased a ticket will be able to attend. Payments can be made via ParentPay using the "Christmas Disco" offer. At both events, there will be stalls set up for the children to purchase different items including food, snacks, drinks and more. Children can bring in money to spend, but this will need to be in a named purse or wallet. The children will be responsible for their own money. Items will cost no more than £1.00 each. There will also be a Christmas tattoo stall where children can have 3 Christmas tattoos for £1.00. Children will need permission via ParentPay to be able to have their tattoos. Payment for this will be made during the disco with the money in their purse. If any parents would like to volunteer their time to support at either disco, then please indicate this on ParentPay.</p>





	<p>The deadline for payments for the disco is 11.59pm on Thursday 28th November. Tickets will be sent home on 2nd December. Children will need to bring their tickets to be allowed entry to the disco.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th December</p>	<p><u>FS-Y3 Christmas Bauble Workshop</u></p> <p>I am excited to introduce a special Christmas workshop being held with children from FS-Y3. On 10th December, children will have the opportunity to paint and decorate their very own ceramic bauble. The children will learn about different materials and techniques to develop their imagination and creative thinking. They will produce a unique piece of colourful art to take pride of place in the family home every Christmas.</p> <p>This will be set up as a mobile studio in the large hall, and all the materials and equipment will be provided to the children to create their masterpiece.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we cannot offer this workshop to all classes currently as there are only 250 places available. Once these places have been filled, there will be no opportunity for your child to attend. However, should the opportunity arise for more classes to be involved, we will let parents know as soon as possible.</p> <p>The workshop will be held throughout the day, and it will be open to parents and carers to come and join the children. Please complete the ParentPay offer along with a payment of £4.50 which will cover the cost of the workshop. A timetable will be sent out closer to the time to inform you of when your child's class will be participating in the workshop should you wish to attend. There will be no additional cost for any parents attending. The ParentPay offer entitled "Christmas Bauble Workshop" will go live on Friday 15th November at 9.30am with the payment deadline of 11.59pm on Friday 29th November.</p>
<p>Week beginning 16th December</p>	<p>Christmas Cards and Calendars</p> <p>These will be made at school during the last week of term and sent home over the last few days of term.</p> 
<p>Thursday 19th December</p>	<p>Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>On Thursday 19th December, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers or any other festive clothing.</p> <p>We will be hosting a Christmas jumper swap shop. If you would like to donate a Christmas jumper, please hand it in to the main school office. Once we have a few donations, we will open the swap shop and notify you via Class Dojo.</p> 



	<p>A voluntary donation which will go to can be paid via the ParentPay offer entitled “Christmas Jumper Day Donation”. This offer will go live at 9.30am on Friday 15th November with the deadline of 11.59pm on Thursday 19th December.</p>
<p>Thursday 19th December</p>	<p>Christmas Dinner</p> <p>There will be a special Christmas Dinner menu on Thursday 19th December. Christmas crackers will be provided to the children on the day. We will be providing Christmas lunch and a vegetarian option, both of which are detailed below.</p>  <div style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Thursday 19th December 2024</div> <p>BLUE - Roast Chicken with Chipolata Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy RED - Roasted Vegetable Pastry Crown with Vegetarian Chipolata Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy Dessert - Christmas Chocolate Pudding or Festive Fruit Salad</p> <p>Ham, cheese and tuna grab bags will also be available but there will be no jacket potato option. Packed lunch is still an option.</p> <p>For KS2 parents, please ensure your ParentPay account is in credit by 9.00am on 19th December as we will be unable to order a dinner if there is no credit on your child’s account.</p> <p>On Wednesday 18th December, we will be serving the following blue and red choices, so that we do not have two chicken dinner days in one week.</p> <div style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Wednesday 18th December 2024</div> <p>BLUE - Beef and Potato Pie with Skin-on Potato Wedges RED - Cheese, Onion and Potato Pie with Skin-on Potato Wedges Jacket potatoes and grab bags are also available.</p>
<p>Friday 20th December</p>	<p>Christmas Party</p> <p>Each class will have a Christmas party on the last afternoon of term, Friday 20th December. Within each class, the children will plan a party as a group and organise who will bring which food and decorations. A letter with further details will follow closer to the time.</p> 

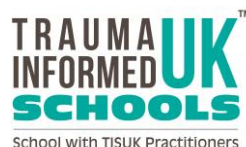


<p>Throughout December</p>	<p>Christmas Cards The children will have the chance to send Christmas cards to the children in their class or across different classes. For ease of distribution, please pass all cards to your child's class teacher to give out at the end of the day.</p>	
<p>Throughout December</p>	<p>Christmas Raffle Throughout December, we will be raffling off a Christmas Chocolate Bouquet which will be displayed in the school office. Raffle tickets will be sold at 20p each and can be paid for by cash or via ParentPay using the offer entitled "Christmas Raffle Tickets". They will be sold at playtimes, lunchtimes and at the Christmas Performances for parents. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 2nd December and can also be purchased from the school office. The deadline for purchasing tickets is 11.59pm on Thursday 19th December. The raffle will be drawn on the morning Friday 20th December in school and the winner will be notified so that collection can be arranged for that afternoon.</p>	

Christmas Performances

<p><u>FS/KSI Performances</u></p>	<p>2.10pm Monday 16th December</p>	<p>9.00am Tuesday 17th December</p>
<p><u>KS2 Performances</u></p>	<p>9.15am Monday 16th December</p>	<p>1.30pm Tuesday 17th December</p>

Our Christmas performances are taking place in the large hall this year. Please enter the school grounds via the Well Lane entrance. The doors will open 30 minutes before each performance starts. Entry will be via ticket only and is limited to two tickets per pupil. There will be a cost of £1.00 per ticket which will include a hot drink and a mince pie/cake. These will be available to reserve via the £1.00 **ParentPay** offer entitled "**FS/KSI Festive Performance Tickets**" or "**KS2 Festive Performance tickets**" from **9.30am on Friday 15th November**. You will also be given the opportunity to state if you'd like to request any additional tickets. The deadline for booking tickets via **ParentPay** is **11.59pm on Wednesday 11th December** and after this date tickets will be sent home with children in a sealed envelope.



There will be the opportunity to buy additional refreshments before and during the interval should you wish to.

The children and staff are going to be working extremely hard to decorate school to help get us in the festive spirit with trees in the halls and decorations in the classrooms.

Kind regards from all the staff at Ecclesfield Primary School.

