

# Stanbridge Lower School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

## **RE: Christmas Events & Reminders**

The 1<sup>st</sup> December is here again and I know the children are very excited to begin the Christmas celebrations. As a reminder, I have outlined the events taking place in school below in date order to ensure no one misses out. We are not always able to send out text reminders, so please make a note of these dates, so your child does not miss out. We look forward to celebrating with you and your children.

## **The Christmas Post Box**

This Christmas post box is open for business until the last day of term, so if your child would like to bring in cards to post, our Yr4 post boys and girls will be delivering most afternoons.

## **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December: Winder Wonderland organised by our wonderful PTFA**

This is an opportunity for children to attend a special session in our woodland garden on one of these days. Permission slips and payment of £2.50 must be sent into school for your child to attend. Please support this fantastic fundraising event organized by the PTFA.

## **7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day**

This will be a non-school uniform day with a Christmas jumper theme. If you don't have a Christmas jumper or would prefer not to participate, you're invited to wear something 'wintery'. This year we are asking for children to donate a gift for their class hamper on this day. Class hampers will be on display at the Christmas production and the PTFA will be selling raffle tickets for parents and carers. Donated gifts might include; small pack of biscuits, crisp, nibbles, chocolates, toiletries, candles. This has been a very popular event in the past.

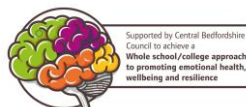
Nationally, Christmas Jumper Day supports the charity, Save the Children, so please feel free to donate directly to this charity if you are able to.

## **13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Productions**

We are happy to welcome parents, carers and grandparents, but we do have limited space, so pushchairs will need to be left outside; also some seating will be on smaller chairs, so if you have any particular access or seating requirements, let the office know in advance.

- 9.45am: Pre School, YR & Y1: A Twinkly Nativity
- 1.45pm: Yr2,3,4: A Christmas Celebration

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Raffle tickets for the class Christmas hampers will be on sale at this event and tickets will be drawn at the end of each performance. Parent will be able to collect children from 3pm on this day in light of the afternoon performance.

### **14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner**

Menu is on the school website; vegan and vegetarian options available. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please order via the parent pay system on the Hobbs Catering website.

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Carols & Cakes 3.00-4.00pm**

Please join us for carols and cakes on the playground from 3.00pm. After a whole school sing along, children will be dismissed to parents and carers and the PTFA will be selling cakes to raise funds for the school. **Please note** that the PTFA have very kindly agreed to donate the cakes on this occasion, so we will no longer need donations from families.

We will also be saying goodbye to one of our longstanding governors at this event; Mrs Veronica Clarke has served on the Stanbridge Governing Body for 25 years and made a considerable contribution towards the school and its success. This will be our opportunity to thank her for her hard work, dedication and kindness towards the school. She will be very much missed.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Class Christmas Parties**

Children are invited to bring a change of party clothes to change into. The school will provide a drink and a small snack, so please do not send in any food.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term**

There will be a Christmas movie afternoon with popcorn and treats for all children at 1.30pm. The movie will be a certified U with a non-religious Christmas theme, but we are offering all parents the option to collect at 1.30pm, if you would prefer your child was not involved.

### **Cold Weather Arrangements**

As we start to experience colder weather, please ensure you send your child to school with a winter coat, hat and gloves, as they do still go out to play at break and lunchtimes. Any children attending Forest School sessions should ensure they bring an extra jumper, spare socks and gloves to ensure they keep warm.

Please also take care on the playground in icy conditions; our site agent salts most areas, but we would hate for anyone to hurt themselves.

Finally, in the event of severe weather, it is the intention of the school to remain open. I will liaise with staff who live locally, as well as the site agent to risk assess the situation depending on the circumstances; the health and safety of our families and staff will be my main priority. I will aim to notify parents **by text** as early as possible on the day regarding any change in arrangements for school opening times; the school will then update facebook and the website. Please do check these channels of communication if we experience any severe weather.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

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