



### *Headteacher's Message*

The children have been working really hard on their performance of Born in the Barn over the last three weeks. I hope that you enjoy their performances.

Thank you to everyone who has supplied a costume.

**Have a lovely weekend.**

*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*



### *Christmas School Disco*

On 17th December, our lovely PTA team will be hosting a Christmas School Disco. A flyer has recently been sent home about this.

Children under 5 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

### *Letters to Santa*



If your child would like to send their letters to Santa our Christmas post box is located in the corridor opposite the staff. We have extended the postage date to Friday 10th December to give you a little more time.

If you need a copy of the letter that went home about this, please let Mrs Thorn in the school office know.

### *Save the Children Day*

On 18th December, your child is welcome to join with the staff and come into school wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas coloured clothing – this is optional.

Should you wish to make a donation to Save the Children, please hand it to a member of staff or hand it in at the school office. Again this is optional.

### *Water Bottles*

Please ensure that your child's water bottle is no bigger than 750ml due to space constraints. Thank you.

### *Raffle Tickets*



There is still time to buy Raffle tickets if you would like them. They are £1 each or £5 for a strip.

If you would like more raffle tickets please let us know either by emailing [walshinfantspta@gmail.com](mailto:walshinfantspta@gmail.com) or by completing the boxes on the front of the envelope and handing it to Mrs Thorn in the school office.

If you are unable to sell the tickets just return them to the school office as soon as possible so we can sell them. All raffle tickets need to be returned to school by 7th December in order to be included in the draw which will take place on Thursday 10th December.

We have 22 amazing hampers to win which have been put together by a wonderful team of helpers.

**The first prize is 2 VIP Aldershot Football Club tickets for Saturday 19th December including a 3 course meal, along with some luxury hamper items!**

The hampers are on display in the corridors if you would like to take a look at them.

### *Christmas Cards*



On Monday 7th December our Christmas post boxes will open for children to send cards to their friends. There are three post boxes, one for each year group and they will be placed near to the classrooms of each year group.

If your child is sending cards to their entire class, please ask them to place them in the baskets outside of the respective classrooms.



## Arrangements for the Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performance starts at 9.15am on Tuesday 8th December and Wednesday 9th December and at 1.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

For the morning performances, please could you drop your child off in the playground as usual and then come round and queue up by the main entrance. Parents are not permitted to stay in the building until the children are dressed for their performance. To comply with our safeguarding policy we must control the number of people coming into school.

We will open the door at 9.05am and as you come in please hand your tickets to Mrs Thorn. If you have misplaced your ticket please bear with us whilst we check your name against the register. We have to have this as a ticketed event to ensure that we do not exceed the maximum number of people in the school hall for health and safety reasons.

Please leave buggies outside the reception area or in the decking area in the playground if it is raining. We will lock the playground gate during the performance and then re-open it at the end of the performance so that you can collect your belongings. Buggies are *not allowed anywhere* inside due to Fire Regulations.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December is the only day in which you are permitted to bring pre-school children and they will need to sit on your lap or have their own ticket. In order to get the best out of the experience and because some of our children only have little voices, if your child is making a lot of noise please could you take them to the library, where biscuits will be provided, until they have calmed down. You are welcome to re-join as soon as they have quietened down.

We would also like to remind you that there is *no parking* on-site during the performances. We would also discourage you from parking at the library and the pub as you may be asked to move your vehicle if you park there. If you need to park in the area, please park with consideration for our local residents and businesses.

A DVD of the dress rehearsal will be on sale at each performance along with photographs.

### Christmas Craft Club

Thank you to all the mums and staff who helped out at our Christmas Craft Club on Tuesday. The children had a lovely time making lots of different Christmas decorations.

### Ruby Class Cake Sale

The Ruby Class Cake Sale is on 17th December. Please could parents of Ruby Class children donate cakes for Ruby Class to sell after school on this day.



The children will help to decide what the money raised is spent on. Thank you.

### Christmas Service

Weather permitting, we will be taking all the children to Church for a Christmas Service on 16th December. We will be leaving school at 1.15pm and would ask that parents collect their child from St Peter's Church at 2.45pm. Children who attend after school clubs will be walked back to school by staff. If you are able to help with the walk to the church let Mrs Thorn know if you are able to walk to church with the children.

### Bags2School

We have sent home some sacks for you to send in any unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, hats, ties, handbags and soft toys. Shoes must be paired and all items need to be in good condition.

If you would like to have a pre-Christmas clear-out, please place any unwanted items in these bags and return them to school between Friday 4th December and Thursday 10th December. You can hand them in at the gate in the morning or drop them to reception.

All bags are weighed and we will be paid against the total weight, so the more bags we get back the better. If you have more than one bags worth, any bag will do so please use a bin bag or something similar. Any money we raise will go towards new resources for the children.

### Coats - **IMPORTANT**

There are still a number of children that are coming into school without coats. Please could you ensure that your child comes into school every day with a warm coat otherwise they will not be able to go out to play if it is cold or damp. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Listening to Music



### Listening consciously

We are often surrounded by music. It is piped into lifts and shopping centres as well as from radios and music which accompanies TV programmes. It is so easy to hear without listening. So to sharpen listening skills and appreciation for all types of music, ask your children to stop and listen to what is playing;

- ◆ Ask them to describe it and how it makes them feel.
- ◆ Do they like it? Why?
- ◆ Do they know what instruments are playing?

Play them some of your favourite music and tell them why you like it. Share your knowledge of the era.

Do not forget to make them aware of the natural sounds on the trips to the park or during a walk in the woods; birds singing, the thunder and the rain, waves or running water etc.



Date	Event	Time
	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production—pre school children permitted	9.15am
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production—Adults only	9.15am
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production followed by PTA Raffle - Adults only	1.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch for the children	12.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Peter's Church. <b>Please collect your child from St Peter's Church on this day.</b>	1.15pm-2.45pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Disco	5.00pm-6.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children	
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the autumn term	1.15pm close
	<b>Spring Term 1</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of the spring term	8.45am

**Inset Days** (School closed to children)

3<sup>rd</sup> May — new date  
6<sup>th</sup> June  
21<sup>st</sup> July — new date  
22<sup>nd</sup> July

Dates for your Diary