


“Children don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care”



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Diary Dates



Monday 14th December ... Christingle service
Tuesday 15th December ... 8.30am, Magic Breakfast for parents
Wednesday 16th December ... Christmas Party Day (children to wear party clothes)
Wednesday 16th December ... Christmas lunch for children
Thursday 17th December ... Father Christmas will be in his Christ Church Grotto
Thursday 17th December ... Headteacher’s Commendations and Golden Time Party
Friday 18th December ... 2pm, Christmas carols and end of term assembly at school
Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January ... Christmas Holiday/Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January ... Children back to school

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,

Bah Humbug Free Zone

Christ Church is officially a Bah Humbug Free Zone. Staff are wearing Christmas jumpers, children are singing carols and performing their Christmas plays, and we are all making a big effort to be thoughtful and generous toward others.

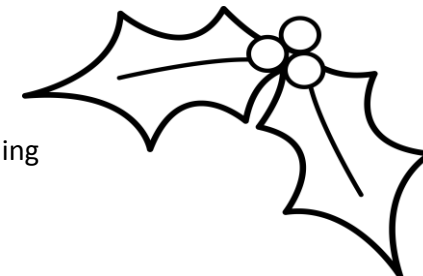
Joyful Celebrations

Each of our three festive plays – *Alien Christmas* (Diamond and Pearl Classes), *Wriggly Nativity* (Amber and Ruby Classes) and *A Victorian Christmas* (Emerald, Sapphire and Topaz Classes) – are a poignant reminder that the real reason for the season is, and always will be, a celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Remembering Children at Christmas

For some, baby Jesus is the Christ Child; God born as a human baby in a stable in Bethlehem. For others, baby Jesus is a reminder of the wonderful gift of new life, and the awesome responsibility of parenting that accompanies it. For others still, baby Jesus – born in a stable to Mary, a woman about to become a refugee forced to flee to another country (Egypt) to escape the violence of King Herod’s soldiers – is a reminder that millions of children have been displaced from homes and schools because of persecution and war (in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan) and extreme weather events (in Cumbria and Lancashire). So, as we count our blessings, let us also remember those in great need. We pray that, as we enjoy food, shelter and presents – and take for granted electricity and clean water – we remember those who have lost so much.

Rupert Kaye,
Headteacher



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Don’t Forget!

... whenever you buy anything online this Christmas you could be raising a free donation for our school!

It’s really simple; all you have to do is visit

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christchurchfirstptfa

After you’ve checked out, that retailer will make a donation to our school for no extra cost whatsoever to yourself!

Please help us this Christmas by giving more than a gift.

Tickets still available for Santa’s Grotto on Thursday 17th December ... We also have extra tickets for family and friends that aren’t at school or nursery to visit Santa between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Please call the school office to book.

Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 16th December

Children should come to school dressed in party clothes and can enjoy a hot Christmas lunch in the hall (if pre-booked). Throughout the day each class will also have a party, enjoying games, dancing and festive music.



Magic Breakfast Reminder...

Only if your child is having a breakfast should they come into school at 8.30am.

Please can we ask that from tomorrow **ALL** parents drop children at the front door and do not take children into the hall as it’s causing too much disruption whilst trying to settle the children for their breakfast.

If your child doesn’t have breakfast then they **MUST** wait until 8.45am and enter through the normal pedestrian gate.



**Christmas Party
Sunday 20th December
10am–2pm**

@ Cheese and Grain

£2 per child (under-3s are free!)



**Last few days to enter
the prize draw!**

Simply log on to:

[https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

and leave your feedback.

Then let us know when you have done this to be entered in the free prize draw, which will be drawn at the end of term assembly next Friday!

Christmas Fayre: £720 raised!

This year was our best ever Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone that came and a special thank you to all the children who made such fantastic gifts for us to sell. We raised a massive £720 with money still being added from extra, after-fayre sales!