Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have our Christmas Fayre on Friday afternoon after school. It’s a lovely social event for adults and children. Hog Roast and other hot food will be available from the bargain price of £2.00…I hope you can have your meal with us and avoid having to cook that night! Thank you for all the items that have been coming in, including a giant elf, the staffroom is looking very festive.

Year 6 are going out on a trip to the Tank museum on Wednesday, Year 4 are off to the Roman Baths in Bath on Thursday.

**Christmas Fayre – Friday 24th November, 3.10-5.30pm**

Please come along after picking up your children at the end of school. There will be lots of lovely things to buy as Christmas presents, along with games, refreshments and a visit from Santa. Please do a little time on your class stall, or offer to help with setting up or clearing up at the end. A few strong people to help at the end would be gratefully welcomed.

**Sensory Toys for Reception**

We have been building up our supplies of toys and books for our Reception classroom that have buttons to press, light up, make interesting noises, can move around or have speech functions. If you have something like this that you no longer need, we’d love to have it in Reception. If we no longer need anything, we’ll sell it back to someone at a PTFA event!

**Christmas Lights (and PTFA stall) – Monday 27th November**

We think the late night shopping event starts at about 6pm, we will be there with the PTFA stall - do come and say hello.

**Christmas Nativity Plays**

**Year 1 and 2 – ‘Angel Express’ is on Tues 5th Dec at 2pm and Thurs 7th at 2pm**

**Reception – ‘A King is Born’  is on Tues 12th at 2pm**

Tickets for these wonderful productions will go on sale today, Monday 20th November, from the office for £1 each. For the first week, families will be restricted to four tickets. From Monday 27th November you will be able to buy additional tickets. If you could bring the right money, that would be great, as we don't have a lot of change.

**Christmas Carol Service – St James Church, Monday 11th December at 2pm**

There will be 30 places for parents to join us for our Carol Service. Please email the office if you’d like some seats (only 1 or 2 places per family)

**Christmas Party – Thursday 14th December – Non Uniform, party clothes**

The PTFA have booked entertainment for the afternoon and will be asking for a £1 contribution towards the other party food.  There will be a party lunch, including sausage rolls (some meat, vegetarian and gluten-free) from Local Food Links, so no meal to order from them that day.

**Christmas Concert – School Hall – Wednesday 13th December from 6-7pm**

Miss Bastable is organising this concert which will feature the school choir and some of our  musicians. She will be in touch with those taking part.

**1pm finish on the last day**

After a long Autumn Term, please pick up children at 1pm if you can. Children will be looked after in school during the afternoon if needed.

 **Forest School – Wednesday afternoons**

Year 5 start this week, 22nd November, Year 6 from 13th December, Year 2 from 17th January and Year 1 from 7th February.

Children need to have trousers and long sleeved tops, wellies and a waterproof coat (with overtrousers if they have them). The Forest School philosophy is to wear the right clothing to go out in all weathers.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2023 – 2024**

Autumn Term

Inset Day                                                        Friday 1st September 2023

Inset Day                                                        Monday 4th September 2023

Children start back                                       Tuesday 5th September 2023

Autumn Half Term                                        Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October 2023

Autumn term ends                                       Friday 15th December 2023

Christmas Holidays                                       Monday 18th December – Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Spring Term

Inset Day                                                        Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Children start back                                       Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Spring half term                                            Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Spring Term ends                                          Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term

Summer term starts                                       Monday 15th April 2024

May Day Bank Holiday                                  Monday 6th May 2024

Summer half term                                          Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Summer term ends                                        Friday 19th July 2024

Inset Day                                                          Monday 22nd July 2024

Inset Day                                                          Tuesday 23rd July 2024