



Planning ahead to Christmas

Dear Parents,

I write to clarify and share some of the upcoming Christmas events that we have planned for this half term. Christmas is a way off yet, but it will soon be upon us and I know that parents like to have a bit of advance notice especially if booking time off work for attending events.

Below are some important Christmas dates explained.

Mr Bottjer

5th December: Robin Hood Pantomime

The Shooting Stars company will be visiting the school once again to perform their annual pantomime!

12th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Parents invited) 2.15pm

Parents of EYFS and KS1 parents are invited to the Christmas Nativity production. Please only attend either the performance on the 12th or the 13th and not both, to allow room for as many parents as possible to attend.

13th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Parents invited) 9.30am

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14th December: Christmas Lunch/Jumper day

School dinners on the 14th will be a special Christmas lunch. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on this day and will make fun party hats in class to wear at the meal.

18th December: Year 5/6 Carol Concert (Parents invited) 6.30pm

Years five and six will be performing a selection of Christmas Carols at the school. Parents are invited to attend!

What about year 3/4?

Although Y3/4 do not have a Christmas show this year, they will be taking the lead in our Easter performance, later this academic year.



Upcoming Dates:

- 15th November:** Prospective parents invited to view EYFS
- 24th November:** Year 4 class assembly.
- 5th December:** Robin Hood Pantomime at school!
- 12th December:** Flu Shots
- 12th December:** Ks1 Nativity. (pm)
- 13th December:** Ks1 Nativity. (am)
- 14th December:** Christmas lunch
- 18th December:** Year 5/6 Carol concert
- 20th December:** Last day of Autumn term. (Half day)
- 4th January:** First day of Spring term. (All children back in)
- 26th January:** Year 3 class assembly.
- 6th February:** Year 4 school trip
- 14th February:** Spring term film night fundraiser.
- 8th March:** Mid-year reports out to parents.
- 22nd March:** Y5 Class Assembly
- Week beginning 25th March:** Easter school events TBC.
- 29th March:** Easter Holidays begin
- 15th April:** First day back after Easter holidays.
- 10th May:** Year 1 Class Assembly
- 24th May:** The May Procession

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Communication at St Teresa's: Have your say

We are continuing our drive to improve parental communication through increased use of parent mail and the website's calendar to deliver key messages. Although far from paperless communication, this is an aim that we are working towards over the next couple of years.

We have found previously that relying on paper slips has caused a lot of additional work for staff and risks messages getting lost, especially with younger children. When it comes to organising "first come, first served" spaces at events or clubs, it can also be very tricky to work out what was received and when and by whom.

We recently trialed using software to organise parent's evening meetings digitally. I personally feel that this went well in some respects, but in other ways have been considering how to improve this for next time. I am planning on trialing something similar for club selection in the Spring Term.

How are you finding these systems? Is there anything we can do to improve? How do you feel about a potential paperless system in the future of St Teresa's? I want to hear your opinion.

Please email office@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk with the subject: **Communication Feedback** and let us know your thoughts.



Names in clothing:

We have recently had multiple items of clothing go missing where children's names were not present in the back of them. Please ensure that children's names are clearly placed in all items of clothing in order to prevent them going missing/getting mixed up with other children's. This goes for school uniform, PE kit, bags, coats, hats and whatever else may be able to get lost or mixed up with someone else's property.

If you have any specific questions about this, please do ask.

Mr Bottjer

Breakfast Club—Food served until 8.15

As you may be aware, St Teresa's has a breakfast club that runs from 8am until the start of school. We have two members of staff that run this club and provide food/childcare.

We are only able to offer food up until 8.15 however. This is because after this, the staff clean up and then lead the children in play activities.

If children arrive after 8.15, this is fine, but we do not have the staff to provide the food service, so ensure that your child has eaten

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