

St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed towards the Christmas Fair, it was such a lovely event for our children and community. I am very aware that this has been a very challenging week for many families and I hope that you are able to recover from the challenges that the weather has created.

Christmas Carol Service with our Children from Year 1-6 singing.

Typically our carol service has been in the afternoon and provides an opportunity for each class to sing together. This year we have moved our carol service to St Marys Church; it starts at 6:00pm on Tuesday 15th December. We would encourage the children to arrive at 5:45pm so they can take their place. We hope you will join us for a special time together. We anticipate the carol service will last for 45 minutes.

Pupil Progress – Open afternoon

On Thursday 17th Dec from 2:30pm to 3:15pm we will be holding an open afternoon to invite parents or family members to see their child's work. This will allow parents/family to see the children's progress in books and to explore displayed work in the class. Staff are attending a meeting immediately after school so we will be unable to extend this session after the school day. It would be lovely to see you, should you be able to attend.

Christmas Dinner



We will be having Christmas Dinner on December 15th. Please remember to make your booking on the wisepay system by 1pm on Friday!

Don't forget you Santa Hats!

Christmas Cards

If children wish to hand out Christmas cards in school to one another, our post box is in the centre of the school outside the hall. Please could we ask for the name of the child and the class to go on the envelope as it helps our junior children to sort the cards. Thank you!

After School Art Club for Year 5 and 6

Two talented pupils from QES, Imogen and Heather, are studying for their Silver Arts Award. They would like to run an art club for Year 5 and 6 pupils. They will be planning and delivering the work, supervised by Mrs Day. The club will be run on Tuesdays from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. The sessions will begin on 5th January and run for 4 weeks. If you would like to attend, please contact the Office.

Word of the day



bombinate (verb)

to make a humming
or buzzing noise

Parent View

We are required to encourage parents to contribute to Parent View. Ideally we would love all parents to register and answer the twelve quick questions on the website. If there are two people in your family who wish to comment, you will require two different email addresses. The link is below alternatively Google - 'Ofsted Parent View'.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Parking Issues

As is obvious, there are still issues regarding parking around the school. Whilst we have no control over the highway around the school premises, we do ask that parents park with consideration for the safety of our children and other road users. Please also remember that the staff car park is for members of our staff only – even if the gate is open! Furthermore please obey the road markings around the gate area; access is required at all times especially should the emergency services ever be required!

Late Arrivals

Worryingly the number of late arrivals in the morning is increasing. Sadly, this disrupts the start of the day for all children in your child's class as this often means instructions given to the children have to be repeated and explained a number of times, which delays the start of the lesson. It can also be very embarrassing for the children involved and can mean they arrive in school in a distressed state. Please remember that our infant children start school at 8.45am and the junior children start at 8.40am. Parents should be aware that all late arrivals, for whatever reason, have to be logged as such and show on your child's attendance records.

I hope you have a very pleasant weekend and are ready to enjoy our last week of term and all the fun things we have planned.

Mr Jones