

Friday 21st November

Dear Parents/Carers

As we know, Christmas is a busy time and there is a lot to keep track of. We are starting to receive requests for information about Christmas plans so to that end, we have put together a menu of festive fun for all. Below is a summary of each event and how it will work. These dates were also on the 'dates for the year' sent out in September.

All monies will be collected via School Money. We will send an alert **when** School Money is ready to take payment.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hadley
Headteacher

Non-Uniform Day (Friday 28th November)

We invite pupils to wear their own clothes in exchange for a **donation** that will form part of the Christmas Fayre. We ask for bottles of something nice for the bottle tombola, unwanted gifts or chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

Christmas Tree Decoration Competition (1st December onwards)

Create or decorate a decoration/bauble and enter the competition (£1 payable via School Money). Baubles/decorations can be brought in from the 1st December until 18th December, where they will be displayed on the Christmas tree in the main office area. **Please ensure each bauble is labelled with your child's name.** The winner for each class will receive a prize. This will be announced on Friday 19th December.

Non-Uniform Day (Friday 5th December)

We invite pupils to wear their own clothes in exchange for a **donation** that will form part of the Christmas Fayre. We ask for bottles of something nice for the bottle tombola, unwanted gifts or chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

Reception and Nursery Nativity Assembly (Tuesday 9th December – 9.30am)

You are invited to experience the Nativity as told and sung by Nursery and Reception pupils. **You will receive an email from the class teachers regarding costumes.** Booking tickets will not be required.

Christmas Fayre (Wednesday 10th December – 3.30pm)

Pupils will be making their Christmas craft, as they do every year, to sell to you at the fayre. There will also be a variety of stalls including bottle and chocolate tombolas, Santa's gift shop where gifts can be purchased and wrapped, refreshments and an opportunity to meet Santa himself.

Christmas Lunch (11th December)

Pupils will be able to order a Christmas lunch (see menu). The meal will be a traditional turkey Christmas dinner, with pudding (vegetarian and vegan option available). Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, along with those in KS2 entitled to Free School Meals, do not have to pay **but an order must still be placed via school money**. The cost for pupils in Years 3 – 6, not entitled to a Free School Meal is £4.00.

***For pupils who DO NOT have to pay for their meal (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Key Stage 2 Free School Meals), you will still need to log in to School Money and select 'KS1 & FSM Christmas Lunch'. A hot dinner will not be available if it is not pre-ordered. ***

***For pupils who DO pay for their meal, you need to order in the usual way and select 'KS2 Christmas Lunch'. ***

No other hot food option is available on this day.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert (Friday 12th December – 9.15am)

Join Year 1 & Year 2 as they perform a variety of Christmas songs.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Shows (Tue' 16th – 10.00am & 1.45pm, Wed' 17th Dec' – 1.45pm)

A letter will follow with further information about booking tickets, and arrangements.

Pupils can be practising the songs at home (2 for each class). Words and music can be found on the class pages of the school website:

<https://www.beaconside.co.uk/year-3/>

<https://www.beaconside.co.uk/year-4/>

<https://www.beaconside.co.uk/year-5/>

<https://www.beaconside.co.uk/year-6/>

Songs and scripts for Year 6 Drama Club can also found:

<https://www.beaconside.co.uk/drama-club/>

Christmas Party (18th December)

Each class will have their own Christmas party. We ask you to contribute £4 and we will supply party nibbles and drinks. Pupils can wear their own clothes on the Christmas party day.

Christmas Jumper Day (19th December)

Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or other festive clothing/own clothes to celebrate the last day of term. There is no cost involved for this.