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People with time for Children

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Newsletter 9

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our parents, extended family and friends who attended our infant performances over the past two days. We are very proud of all our children in Holly Leaves and Holly Berries Classes for all their hard work and fantastic performances.

On behalf of the Friends Committee we thank you for attending their first Christmas Market. All went well except for the weather which forced us into the school building. We made a profit of just over £500. Thank you.

Road Closure

We appreciate that the road closure is causing a few problems for parents collecting children after school, please remain patient, it will be over soon. The road from the Jail to the roundabout remains closed until Friday 21st December.

From **Monday 7th January to 21st January** Broad Street, from Littledean Guest House to the roundabout will be closed from 9.00 – 3.00. This should have little effect on the running of the school. As usual a member of staff will be on duty in the back playground each morning from 8.35, giving plenty of time to return to Cinderford before the closure is in place. Please be as prompt as possible in collecting your children from school at the end of the day.

Infant Christmas Party Day - Tuesday 18th December

Holly Leaves and Holly Berries will spend the day making Christmas crafts and cooking. Children are invited to wear non uniform around the theme of Christmas, but are reminded that although children will be wearing aprons, they are going to be cooking and painting so clothes could get messy.

They are invited to bring in a festive lunch box. If you have any concerns please contact Miss Pearson or Miss Haynes.

Stay and Play Christmas Activity Day – Tuesday 18th December – 9.00 – 10.30

All parents, carers and friends with children under school age are welcome to join our Christmas Stay and Play Session. Unfortunately due to the road closure access will be from the rear of the school only.

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 19th December

Once again the Friends are supporting the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children'. We ask for a donation of £1.00 for children to wear their Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper to go with the normal uniform of trousers or skirts.

Junior Disco – Wednesday 19th December

We are holding the school disco for the children in Chestnut and Maple Classes only, this will run from 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. We ask for donations of food for the discos and suggest that Maple Class bring in savoury foods – sandwiches, minced pies, sausage rolls, crisps, etc and Chestnut Class bring in sweet foods – fruit, biscuits, cakes etc.

Head teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 19th December

Our school meals caterer will once again provide a traditional or vegetarian Christmas Lunch for our children. Meals cost £2.36 and should be ordered and paid for in advance. Please contact the school office if you require further information.

Pre-School Christmas Activities – Thursday 20th December

Our Pre-School will hold a Christmas Activity day today. We also invite our parents into school at 1.30 p.m. to join in with our Christmas Carol singing in the school hall. Unfortunately due to the road closure access will be from the rear of the school only.

Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church and End of Term – Friday 21st December

Hot school meals will not be available a packed lunch is required. We will order a lunch for each child entitled to free school meals and those in reception, year 1 and year 2. Our Christmas Service at St Ethelberts Church will start at 1.00 p.m. and school will close at 2.00 p.m.

We are working closely with the Highways Department over the road closure and will advise you of any restrictions for access to the Church nearer the day. As it's the last day of the closure they may have finished or may be working late, nobody knows yet!

A reminder that Pre-school will be finishing at 1.00 p.m. on the 21st of December so siblings are able to attend church with parents.

Diary Dates

Friday 4th January 2019	Flu Immunisation: Catch-Up Clinics for 2018/19 – Lydney Hospital 9.30 – 1.45
Monday 7 th January	First day of Term 3
Monday 14 th January	Re-arranged Heights and Weights for Year R and Year 6
Tuesday 15 th January	Chestnut Class Music workshop in Gloucester – details to follow
Thursday 24 th January	First Swimming Lesson for Chestnut Class
Friday 25 th January	Young Voices Concert
Monday 4 th February	Holly Berries Class visit to the Mosque and Cathedral – details to follow
22-24 April 2020	Residential Visit for current year 4 and 5 pupils – details to follow

Have you heard? The circus is coming to Berry Hill!

Tuesday 25th June 2019 Happy's circus will be visiting our Berry Hill Primary School with their big top! Why not treat the family for Christmas? Tickets are priced at £8.50 each with under 2's going free. Or why not look at our meal deal package we have put together.

Based on a family of 4,

4 Tickets

4 bbq vouchers, Forest Hog Roast will be there serving hog rolls, burgers, hot dogs and vegetarian option

4 Soft Drinks

2 Sweetie Cones

And juggling balls and puzzle

All this for £50 presented in a gift box all ready to give as a present. This can be adapted for bigger or smaller families based on £12.50 per person.

More information / buy tickets from friendsbhps@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

Choir

Deb Sandells and Hollie Williams are members of the Springfield singers, a choir based in Woolaston and in the new year are starting a junior choir aimed at children in years 3 to 9. They will be rehearsing at Woolaston School on Tuesdays between 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity for the area and we believe that it will develop children's musical skills and confidence through rehearsals and performances.

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