



## NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2017



# CHRISTMAS FAYRE



FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

2.00 P.M. – 3.30 P.M.

We shall be holding our Christmas Fayre during the afternoon of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, between 2.00-3.30 p.m. Parents may collect their children from the classes at 2.00 p.m. to take them around the Fayre, or collect them at 3.00 p.m. as usual. We hope as many families as possible will be able to come along to enjoy the attractions and stalls.

The children are currently making decorations to sell on the day – every child will be making several items to sell to their own families, which will be for sale on a class stall (N.B. these items will only be sold to the children's own parents). All money raised through the Christmas Fayre will go directly to School Fund to subsidise activities/equipment for the children throughout the year.

Stalls will include: Gift and Decoration stalls (all made by the children), Refreshments & Sweets, Cakes, Bottle and Cuddly Toy Tombolas, Christmas Hamper Raffle, General Raffle, School Calendar and various games stalls. We are also hoping that Santa will be in his grotto!

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** we shall be holding a **Christmas Fayre donation day**. The children may come to school in non-uniform for the day in return for a donation to the Fayre. This year the classes will be making their own chocolate/sweet hampers to raffle for their own classes throughout December so any items for this would be ideal! Alternatively, any of the following items would be gratefully received – bottles of wine etc./soft drinks for the bottle tombola, items for the Christmas hamper or raffle prizes. Cakes may also be sent into school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> or Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you. We hope to see you there!



### Christmas Disco



We shall be holding a family disco on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The disco will run from 6.00 – 7.15 p.m. **All children must be accompanied by an adult. Due to limited numbers, tickets are sold on a first come first served basis.** Please book your family ticket by returning the reply slip - £1 per family ticket. Refreshments, sweets, raffle, nail painting, glow sticks and tattoos will also be for sale on the night.

### Christmas Concerts

Year 1 (Classes 3 & 4) will be performing Christmas concerts for their parents. There will be three performances of "Can't You Sleep Little Bear? ... It's Christmas!":

The first performance will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 p.m. and will be for **Parents with toddlers** and all other children in school.

**Adults only** performances will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 a.m.

Parents of Year 1 children who wish to request tickets please return the attached reply slip to school as soon as possible.

(N.B. For the information of our Reception parents: Each year group performs a concert for their parents during the course of the year. Classes 1 & 2 will perform concerts for their parents towards the end of the Spring term, and Classes 5 & 6 will perform a Leavers concert for Year 2 parents in July).

### **Christmas Dinner**



The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – a traditional roast turkey dinner (with chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce, peas, carrots, roast potatoes, gravy), followed by gingerbread or Christmas pudding. Anyone requiring the vegetarian option should have requested this option at the School Office by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Christmas Party**



The children's Christmas parties will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. School Fund will be providing food and prizes to be bought for each class party.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

The children may wear their Christmas tops or jumpers on Christmas Party day as Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is national Christmas Jumper Day whereby money is raised for 'Save the Children'. If you wish to donate, a donation of 50p would be gratefully received.

### **End of Term Service**



All parents are welcome to attend our end of term service on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at **1.00 p.m.** - this will not require a ticket. We shall be telling the Christmas story through readings and carols. **School will finish for the Christmas holiday after the Service at 2.00 p.m.** - parents may take their children home immediately after the service.

### **Christmas Post**



If the children would like to send any cards to their friends, each class will have its own post box in the classroom! No cards before 1<sup>st</sup> December please!

### **Coleford Christmas Lights**

A reminder that the lights will be switched on in Coleford this Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There will be various entertainment and stalls in the town centre from noon, and Father Christmas will be in the Grotto from 12 until 2pm. Parents and pupils wishing to take part in the Christmas parade should be at the Fire Station for 4.30p.m. to start the parade at 4.45p.m.

Thank you for all the wonderful entries to the 'Design an angel' competition, which have been forwarded to the Christmas Lights Committee.

### **'Crib Festival'**

The children in classes 1 and 2 have made a display for the Mid-Wydean Churches Crib festival. Parents are welcome to view our work and that of other local schools at Newland Church over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Other Information...**

#### **Photographs**



We are expecting photograph orders to arrive in school next week and will send them home as soon as they arrive.

#### **School Intake and Junior Transfer September 2018**

Reminder... applications for admission to the Infants and Junior School for September 2018 should be completed on-line by 5pm on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who intends to start at this school in September 2018, please ask them to contact the school to register their child. Thank you.



## Adverse Weather Conditions

As winter approaches please can we remind you about our general procedures regarding possible school closure in the event of severe weather:

1. Closure of the school will be posted on the school website [www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk)
2. If there is heavy snowfall overnight you will be contacted by text to your mobile phone by 8.15 a.m. the next day informing you of closure of the school.
3. If you have not received a text message you may check by telephoning the school after 8.30 a.m. to check if the school is open.
4. Listen to Radio Gloucestershire - FM 104.7 and/or Severn Sound - FM 102.4; AM 774. They will give news about school closures.
5. Access the Gloucestershire website to view the list of schools that are closed [www.glosclosedschools.com](http://www.glosclosedschools.com)
6. It may be necessary for the school to close during the course of the day. In that case, it is very important that we have an emergency contact number as a text message will be sent in the first instance.

Thank you....

## Children in Need



Thank you for supporting Children in Need day on 17<sup>th</sup> November – we were quite overwhelmed by your fantastic support. The children really enjoyed dressing in things that they like to do out of school! Thank you to all parents who supported this event and to those who bought wrist bands to boost our total. An incredible **£331** was raised for Children in Need – Thank you!

## Remembrance Day Poppies



Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Poppy Day' collection – we will let you know how much we raised as soon as we are informed.

## 'Operation Christmas Child' Boxes



**23** boxes were donated to the 'Samaritan's Purse' charity. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause. We are sure our gifts will be greatly appreciated by the children who will receive them.

## 'Let's Get Cooking'

Thank you also for supporting our bonfire day hot dog sale in early November. **£100** was raised for the Club – brilliant, thank you!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### December

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre Donation Day	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Disco	6.00-7.15 p.m.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre	2.00-3.30 p.m.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children	1.30 p.m.
	Dress Rehearsal – Parents with Toddlers, school	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children	1.30 p.m.
	Adults only	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children	9.30 a.m.
	Adults only	
	Children's Christmas Dinner	12.00
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumper Day	1.00 p.m.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Christmas Service	1.00 p.m.
	School finishes at 2.00 p.m.	

**School Finishes Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 p.m.**

The children return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Reply Slip: Year 1 Concerts – please book the following tickets:**

Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parents with Toddlers
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults only
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults only

Child's Name ..... Class .....

N.B. Please indicate in the box the number of tickets required.

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**Reply Slip: Family Disco - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Child's Name ..... Class .....

I require a ticket for the Family Disco for 6.00 – 7.15 p.m.

I enclose £1

Signed .....

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