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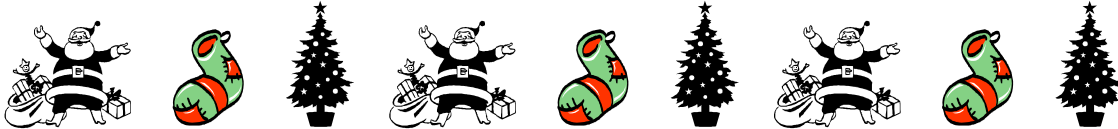
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CHRISTMAS FAYRE



TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

2.00 P.M. – 3.30 P.M.



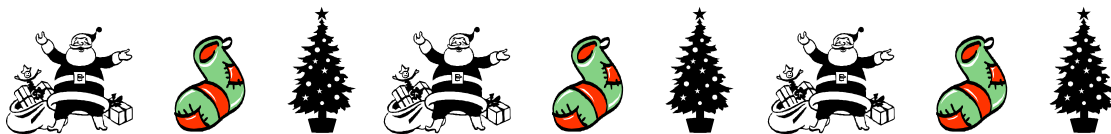
We shall be holding our Christmas Fayre during the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd December, between 2.00-3.30 p.m. Parents may collect their children from the classes at 2.00 p.m. to take them around the Fayre, or collect them at 3.00 p.m. as usual. We hope as many families as possible will be able to come 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, Lucky Dip and various games stalls. We are also hoping that Santa will be in his grotto!

On **Friday 29th November** 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 Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd December.

Thank you. We hope to see you there!



Christmas Concerts

Year 1 (Classes 3 & 4) will be performing Christmas concerts for their parents. There will be three performances of "The Supersonic Lamb":

The first performance will be on Tuesday 10th 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 11th December at 1.30 p.m.
Thursday 12th 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 Disco

We shall be holding a family disco on Thursday 12th 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 Dinner

The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Friday 13th December – a traditional roast turkey dinner (with chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing, peas, carrots, roast potatoes, gravy), followed by a gingerbread biscuit or orange and ginger cake. Anyone requiring the vegetarian option of Cheesy Sweet Potato and Parsnip Tart should have requested this option at the School Office by 6th December.

Christmas Jumper Day

The children may wear their Christmas tops or jumpers on Christmas Dinner day as Friday 13th 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.



Christmas Party

The children's Christmas parties will be held on Tuesday 17th December. School Fund will be providing food and prizes to be bought for each class party.

End of Term Service



All parents are welcome to attend our end of term service on Friday 20th 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 2nd December please!

Coleford Christmas Lights

A reminder that the lights will be switched on in Coleford this Saturday, 30th November. There will be various entertainment and stalls in the town centre from 1.00pm, and Father Christmas will be in the Grotto from 2.00pm until 4.00pm and again once the lights have been switched on. The parade starts at 5.00pm, with the Christmas lights switched on at 5.30pm.

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

Other Information...

School Intake and Junior Transfer September 2020

Reminder... applications for admission to the Infants and Junior School for September 2020 should be completed on-line by 5pm on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who intends to start at this school in September 2020, 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
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
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 15th November; we were quite overwhelmed by your fantastic support once again. We certainly fulfilled this year's theme 'Let's do good and feel good together!' The children really enjoyed a day of sporty activities dressed in their sporty clothes. Everyone joined in the Children in Need 'Big Morning Move' with Joe Wicks and other schools across the country, as well as completing a whole-school continuous hour of exercise! (More details to follow in Coalway Kids News later this term). Thank you to all parents who supported this event and to those who bought wrist bands to boost our total. An incredible **£261.40** 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

12 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.



And finally...

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Couchman had a baby girl at the weekend. Both mother and baby are doing well!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December

Tuesday 3 rd	Christmas Fayre	2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 10 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children	1.30 p.m.
	Dress Rehearsal – Parents with Toddlers, school	
Wednesday 11 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children	1.30 p.m.
	Adults only	
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children	9.30 a.m.
	Adults only	
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Disco	6.00-7.15 p.m.
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Children's Christmas Dinner	12.00
Tuesday 17 th	Children's Christmas Parties	1.00 p.m.
Friday 20 th	End of Term Christmas Service	1.00 p.m.
	School finishes at 2.00 p.m.	

School Finishes Friday 20th December at 2.00 p.m.

The children return to school on Monday 6th January

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

Tuesday	10 th December	1.30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parents with Toddlers
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Thursday	12 th 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.

Reply Slip: Family Disco - Thursday 12th December

Child's Name Class

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

I enclose £1

Signed
