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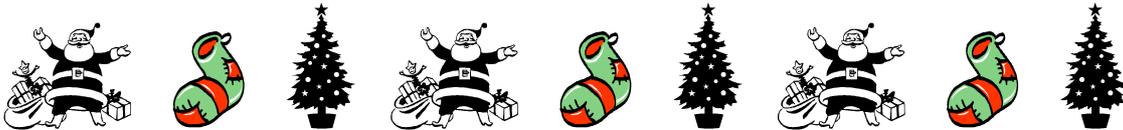
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NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2018



CHRISTMAS FAYRE



TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER
2.00 P.M. – 3.30 P.M.



We shall be holding our Christmas Fayre during the afternoon of Tuesday 4th 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 **Friday 30th 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 3rd or Tuesday 4th 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 "Something Special Going On":

The first performance will be on Tuesday 11th 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 12th December at 1.30 p.m.
Thursday 13th 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 Friday 14th December – a traditional roast turkey dinner (with chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce, peas, carrots, roast potatoes, gravy) followed by a Christmas Cookie. Anyone requiring the vegetarian option of Cheese & Spinach roulade should have requested this option at the School Office by 5th December.

Christmas Jumper Day

The children may wear their Christmas tops or jumpers on Christmas Dinner day as Friday 14th 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 18th December. School Fund will be providing food and prizes to be bought for each class party.

Christmas Disco



We shall be holding a family disco on Wednesday 19th 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.

End of Term Service



All parents are welcome to attend our end of term service on Friday 21st 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 1st December please!

Coleford Christmas Lights

A reminder that the lights will be switched on in Coleford this Saturday, 1st December. There will be various entertainment and stalls in the town centre from 1.00pm, and Father Christmas will be in the

Grotto from 2.30pm until 4.30pm and again once the lights have been switched on. 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 5.00p.m.

Thank you for all the wonderful entries to the 'Design a Reindeer for Father Christmas' competition, if anyone would still like to enter please send your pictures to the School office by Thursday 29th November.

Other Information...

Bristol Standard Award

Congratulations to our Reception team, who recently received the Bristol Standard Award, which is a particular award given to Early Years settings only! The staff in Classes 1 and 2 have undertaken a huge amount of additional work to further evaluate and improve all elements of our Early Years provision over the last year; this award recognises the quality of their review and future development plans. It recognises the hard work and commitment of the staff in the Reception classes in providing and supporting a great start to school for the children in Classes 1 and 2. Congratulations to all staff involved!



Photographs



We are expecting photograph orders to arrive in school this 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 2019 should be completed on-line by 5pm on 15th January 2019.

If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who intends to start at this school in September 2019, 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.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/
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 16th 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 **£270** 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  **19** 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, **Coalway Recreation Ground** need some help... Please see their notice below:

Coalway Recreation Ground car park is essential in taking the weight off surrounding roads when parents drop off and pick up from both schools; keeping it open is paramount to safety. Our mission is to rally some support to re-establish a Committee of at least seven people who would be willing to help run this site and to encourage more neighbourhood activities that will help to raise funds and ultimately keep the site open. If the Committee does not have enough support then it will have to disband and all of the recreational facilities, including ***Scout groups, hall, grounds, children's playground, football pitch and car park*** will be forced into permanent closure.

If you have a small amount of time please call Mary on 01594 837953 or email

t_mgoodson@hotmail.com Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December

Tuesday 4 th	Nasal flu immunisation Christmas Fayre	2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 11 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children Dress Rehearsal – Parents with Toddlers, school	1.30 p.m.
Wednesday 12 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children Adults only	1.30 p.m.
Thursday 13 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children Adults only	9.30 a.m.
Friday 14 th	Christmas Jumper Day Children's Christmas Dinner	12.00
Tuesday 18 th	Christmas Parties	1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 19 th	Christmas Disco	6.00-7.15 p.m.
Friday 21 st	End of Term Christmas Service School finishes at 2.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.

School Finishes Friday 21th December at 2.00 p.m.

The children return to school on Monday 7th January

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

Tuesday	11 th December	1.30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parents with Toddlers
Wednesday	12 th December	1.30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults only
Thursday	13 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 - Wednesday 19th December

Child's Name Class

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

I enclose £1

Signed

COMPETITION TIME!!!



Would your son or daughter like to switch on the Coleford Christmas lights this year?

If the answer is YES please enter our competition details below....

We would like your little ones to design a reindeer for Father Christmas. There are 3 rules:

1. Must be on an A4 sheet of paper (portrait or Landscape)
2. Use anything you like!!! Glitter, pens, crayons, crafts whatever it may be to help your Reindeer stand out!
3. Include your Name, Age and School on the front of the picture.
4. Hand your pictures to your school office.

Deadline is Thursday 29th November.