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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you have had a good week, please see the latest news and information for the school.



IT'S DECEMBER! And we are now looking ahead to Christmas, with lots of festivities planned between now and the end of term, so don't forget to take a note of all the important dates to remember!

Don't forget...DUST OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers every Friday leading up to the end of term.

PRESCHOOL children who don't attend on Fridays can wear theirs any day of the week, if they wish.

Please click [here](#) if you would like to or are able to make a donation to Save the Children - Thank you.

Christmas Craft Workshop Afternoon - Thursday 7th December - Codden & Taw only



Parents are invited to join in with some Christmas crafts and activities in Codden and Taw classes on **Thursday 7th Dec at 1:30-3pm**. Please note, due to space we're only able to offer this session to children who attend Codden Class or Pre-School on Thursday afternoon.

Christmas Shop- Monday 11th December

The PTFA will be running a Christmas shop again this year. All children will have an opportunity to pick out up to two items to gift to chosen family members. Please pay £3 per male/female gift via the "shop" on Eduspot/School Money. The children will then be wrapping them and adding their gift tag - **please fill out and submit the form [here](#) (before Wednesday 6th Dec)**, so we know who you have requested the gifts for, eg Mum/Dad/Nan etc, so the appropriate gifts are chosen for them. Don't forget a bag for your child to bring the gifts home at the end of the day.



Christmas Dinner - Thursday 14th December



All children are invited to join us for Christmas dinner. This will be the only school dinner option on this day. **Please book before Wednesday 6th December via SchoolMoney/Eduspot if your child wishes to have a Christmas dinner.** Your child can bring a packed lunch if they'd prefer.

Christingle - Thursday 14th December

We will be holding our Christingle service on **Thursday 14th December at 6pm at St John the Baptist Church.** This will be for **years 2,3,4,5 & 6.** Due to health and safety regulations, we are required to ticket the event this year. To ensure that every family has the opportunity to attend, we are required to limit tickets to strictly **TWO PEOPLE PER FAMILY.** Please fill in the form [here](#) to confirm if you will or will not be attending and the names of the two chosen family members who will be coming along to the Christingle service.



Early years and Year 1 Christmas performance - Thursday 14th December at 2pm



This will be held on **Thursday 14th December at 2pm,** St John the Baptist Church - The pre-school children will be joining in with the Christmas performance by singing some of the Christmas songs. If your child currently attends on a Thursday, Pre-school staff will walk them down to the church. If your child does not usually attend on a Thursday, you are welcome to bring your child to the church to join in.

Dates for the diary

- Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 1st, 8th 15th December
- Christmas Craft Workshop Afternoon - Thursday 7th December at 1:30-3pm
- Christmas Shop - Monday 11th December
- Christmas Dinner Day - Thursday 14th December
- Early years and YR1 Christmas performance - Thursday 14th December at 2pm
- Christingle - Thursday 14th December at 6pm

Local Christmas Events



Castle Hill is illuminated at night with colorful lights. A large yellow moon is visible in the sky, and a person is standing next to it. The scene is festive and magical.


CASTLE HILL

illuminated

This winter, for the first time ever, take a magical after-dark stroll around Castle Hill's illuminated gardens.

8th - 10th & 14th - 17th December

- ❖ Indoor Christmas Market
- ❖ Street Food & Drink Vendors
- ❖ Bar & Mulled Wine
- ❖ Fire Pit & Toasted Marshmallows
- ❖ Festive Music
- ❖ Free Car Parking
- ❖ BOOK NOW peak dates and times are selling fast!

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