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Dear Parents & Carers

22/11/2024

Autumn term 2

We hope you have had a great week!
Please see important dates and information below.



Home Learning can be found every week on our School website or [here](#).

Important dates:

- W/C 25th November - Parent Consultations
- W/C 9th December - Vision screening age 4-5 years
- 12th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- 3rd - 4th April - Y5 Residential to London
- 22nd - 25th April - Y6 residential to St Georges House
- 1st- 2nd May - Y4 residential to Rock and Rapid (more info to follow)

Important Christmas Dates

28 th November	PTFA Wreath Making Workshop
6 th December	Christmas Fete
9 th December	Christmas Shop
10 th December	Y1-4 Dick Whittington Pantomime
17 th December	Reception & Year 1 Nativity (2.30pm)
19 th December	Christingle (1.45pm and 6pm service)

More information below...

Remembrance Day - 11th November



Thank you for your kind donations towards our poppy appeal, we raised **£72.53**. We had a remembrance service within school on Monday 11th November led by Ruth and we all took part in the 2-minute silence to remember all those who gave their lives.

School Photos - Tempest Photography

All proof photos should now have gone home with your child.

Children in Need - 15th November



Thank you for your kind donations, so far we have raised a total of **£266** on the JustGiving page. If you haven't donated yet and would like to, its not too late! **Please follow the link [here](#)**. Thank you to all those who took part in the 'Pudsey Spoon' competition, we had some very creative entries! A winner from each year group was chosen - well done! We will be contributing some donations from the Film Night Fundraiser to Children in Need

too.

Parent Consultations - W/C 25th November

Any parents who were unable to book a parent meeting and who have emailed us to request a time, should have been contacted now with a time slot allocated to them.

Thomas Shepherd Law Scholarship Trust

We are delighted announce that we have had an education grant from the trust to purchase community blocks for our EYFS and reading books for the school both Key Stages. Their contribution will impact all the children in the school community.

Bags2School - Monday 9th December

We have given out bags for Bags2School again this year - if you have any unwanted clothing suitable for resale in the second-hand clothing market, please pop them in the bag and return to school **on Monday 9th December** when the bags will be collected from school. **Please do not bring them in before this date, due to us having limited space to store large bags.**

Afterschool Clubs - W/C 25th November

Please note that there will be **NO Netball Club, Singing Club, Spanish Club or Book Club running during the week of 25th-29th November** because the teachers leading these clubs will be busy with the parent consultations. Apologies for any inconvenience. Should you still need afterschool care provision, we do have our Cabin Club which you are able to book your child onto at a charge. If you require a space, please book ASAP via Eduspot/SchoolMoney as Cabin Club has limited spaces and books up very quickly. **The Goal Getters will still be running as normal that week so if your child is already booked on, they can still attend as normal.**

Vision screening for children aged 4 to 5 years - W/C 9th December

We are inviting children **aged 4 to 5 years** to receive vision screening. This will take place at school during the week commencing **Monday 9th December**. Please see the information sent out by email to those parents with the relevant aged children. There is a detailed information leaflet for you to read to explain what vision screening is and what happens if your child is found to have reduced vision. **You should take time to read this information.** If you **DO NOT** want your child to have vision screening, please complete and return the slip provided in the email. Otherwise, we will assume you are happy for your child to be screened.

PTFA Wreath Making Workshop - Thursday 28th November



There is still some availability for the PTFA Wreath making workshop next week on Thursday 28th November, it will take place in the school hall at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please purchase your ticket via Eduspot/School Money. **Tickets are £20pp including all materials, drink and nibbles.**

Y1-4 Dick Whittington Pantomime - Tuesday 10th December

On **Tuesday 10th December** Year 1 - Year 4 have been invited to watch a showing of the Christmas pantomime, Dick Whittington! It is being performed by Petroc's talented Performing and Production Arts students. We will be travelling by bus to The Nexus, Petroc, North Devon Campus for the performance. As this is a morning showing we will return in time for lunch at school.

The cost of this is £3.50 per child and is payable via Eduspot/SchoolMoney.

Christmas Dinner Day - Thursday 12th December



Christmas dinner will be on Thursday 12th December, **if your child would like this for lunch please order this via Eduspot/SchoolMoney by Friday 5th December.** Christmas dinner will be the **ONLY** option offered for this day, which will be Roast Turkey with stuffing, roast potatoes, veg and gravy or vegetarian alternative. If your child would not like this, please provide them with a home packed lunch.

Christingle 2024 - Thursday 19th December - 1.45pm and 6pm Service

The Christingle Service is on **Thursday 19th December 2024** at St John the Baptist Church for years 2,3,4,5 & 6.

This year we will be holding two services, one at **1.45pm** and one at **6pm**. We have introduced an afternoon service this year to offer everyone the chance to attend. Please consider the 1.45pm service where at all possible.

Please note that children and guests are not to arrive any earlier than 5.50pm, at the church for the 6pm service.

The church insists on a maximum capacity due to fire risk, which means **strictly 2 people per family** can attend per performance. We are sorry but we can **NOT** accommodate children sat on laps as a third person. A child watching with you will count as one of the two tickets.

Please fill out the online form **here** to confirm your attendance with the names of the two people attending each performance.

If your child is unable to attend the 6pm service, please also fill out the form and indicate this, so we can get an idea of numbers.



If your child is attending the 6pm service, but you are not, please safely drop off and pick up your child from the church.

Please complete the form by Friday 6th December - it will not be available to complete after this date.

PTFA Christmas Shop - Monday 9th December



The elves are already busy preparing the Christmas shop! The children all get the opportunity to choose gifts for their grown-ups, which are then wrapped up ready to go straight under the tree. The shop will be held in school time on Monday 9th December.

Each child can **pick a gift for 2 family members, there will be suitable gifts for both male and female** - the cost will be **£3 per gift**, please pay this via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. Please choose which family members you would like your child to pick a gift for and fill in the online form **here** to capture their names, this will be for the gift tags the children will be decorating, writing and sticking on their wrapped present, ready to take home. **If you have more than one child at the school, please fill in a new form for each of them. Please complete the form by Monday 2nd December.**

PTFA Christmas Fair - Friday 6th December

On Friday 6th December we are holding a Christmas Fair at school. There will be refreshments, stalls, a range of activities and most importantly a chance to see Father Christmas in his grotto!

We have the return of the famous bottle in a bag game, donations of bottles gratefully received in school by Wednesday 4th December.



DONATIONS NEEDED

PLEASE COULD YOU DONATE A BOTTLE OF SOMETHING FOR OUR FUNDRAISING?

Please bring them into school by Wed 4th Dec
Any full bottles welcome

The bottle game is coming back for the Christmas fair!



Have a great weekend!