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Lancy Lane Newsletter December 2016

The last few weeks of this term are always very busy so here is a December *Lancy Lane News* to keep you up to date with all the events and dates which can easily be missed. All dates can be found on the website.



Christmas Cards

From 1st December, there will be a Christmas postbox in EVERY classroom. If children wish to send cards to their friends in school please remind them to write their **name and class** clearly on the envelope. Once the classes have sorted the cards, Y6s are helped by the children from Reception to do a daily delivery.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair this year is to be held on Friday, 2nd December from 4pm until 5.30pm. We still need lots of teddies, smellies, books and old games and toys for the stalls. If you have any at home that you are willing to donate please send them into school. Any cakes that can be sold on the day will also be gratefully received – no nuts please.



Christmas Plays

You will have received information through ParentMail about the Christmas plays and costumes already.

The dates and times are as followed:

Early Learners and Reception: Tuesday, 13th December @ 9.30am

Years 1 and 2: Tuesday, 20th December @ 2.30pm

Years 3 and 4: Tuesday, 20th December @ 9.30am

Years 5 and 6: Tuesday, 13th December @ 2.30pm

For health and safety reasons we have to be strict on the number of seats we can offer per family for each of the concerts but have allocated 4 seats to each family. **We will not be sending home tickets.** We do not make a charge for you to watch the concerts but there will be a collection at the end of each performance where the proceeds will be shared between school funds and a donation towards Safe Child Africa, a charity which protects children in Nigeria, particularly those accused of witchcraft

<http://www.safechildafrica.org/>



Christmas Dinner

We are having our school Christmas dinner on **Tuesday, 13th December.**

Photographs and Videos:

It is our school policy to allow parents to take photographs and videos of their own children provided that they are not uploaded to any social networking sites. We are grateful for parents respecting this policy.

Gift Day

On Friday, 16th December children who have brought in £1 may choose a surprise Christmas gift for someone special. This is wrapped by members of the PTA and given to your child to take home the following week. If you have any unwanted gifts at home that may make suitable gifts, please drop them off in the school office. Thank you.



Pantomime Visit

The whole school will be going to the Guild Hall Theatre in Preston on **Thursday, 15th December** to see **Jack and the Beanstalk** (oh yes we are!). This visit will be taking place during the day. If your child is poorly on this day please could you telephone the school by 9:00am (01772 433641).



If you need to contact school as a matter of **urgency** whilst we are at the theatre, please choose the *Early Learners* option on the phone and leave a message there.

Christmas Parties

The Reception Class and *Early Learners* will be having their Christmas party on **Monday, 19th December**. The juniors (Y3 – Y6) will be having their party on **Wednesday, 14th December** and Y1 and Y2 will be having their party on **Wednesday, 21st December**. All parties are in the afternoon. On party day, the children may come to school in their party clothes or come in their uniform and change into their outfits at school. Your child will be bringing a letter home soon about what food etc to bring. There is always a lot of food left over so please only send in one packet or plate of food.



Carol Concert

The *Singalong* Club will be holding their Carol Service on Friday, 16th December at 10am at St Ambrose Church. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. Rev Clarke from St Ambrose has kindly agreed to pay for a coach to transport the children to the church. The *Singalongers* will be going for a practice on Friday, 9th December.

Four of our Year 6 children, have been selected to join 4 other children from each of our cluster schools to sing carols at Asda on Wednesday, 14th December at 11am. All monies raised will go into an Alliance 'pot' which the children themselves will decide how it is spent.



Snowy Weather

Although very unlikely, as you will appreciate, it is difficult to predict if and when we will have to close the school due to adverse weather. Messages will be sent via ParentMail. Please make sure your child is suitably dressed for the cold weather and brings a coat to school every day.

After School Clubs

After school clubs run by the school will end on **Thursday 1st December**. The clubs will restart week beginning 16th January 2017. Please note that guitar club may have a different finishing time.

End of Term

School will close on **Thursday, 22nd December at 2pm** and there will be no *Stoppers After School Club* that night. School re-opens on **Monday, 9th January 2017 at 8:55am.**

Last Day of Term

The winning team may come into school on **Thursday, 22nd December** in non-school uniform as a reward for earning most team points this term. This will be announced in the weekly newsletter on 16th December.

Toy Day

The School Council agreed that the last day of every term will be a Toy Day. This is a day when children can bring in non-electronic toys and games to play with their friends, teachers and other adults in their class. Please do not send in anything precious or expensive as Lancaster Lane School cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to items brought in.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and to send you all my very best wishes for the new year ahead.



Thank you all so much for the support you continue to give the school.

*Season's greetings
to you all.*