



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Creativity, Independence and Respect

Dear Parents

Well, the Festive Season is nearly upon us! During this Autumn we have had an exceptionally good Ofsted visit validating all that we do and referring to us as a "fantastic school" giving terrific opportunities to all our children. We will have almost fifty children moving on to a Grammar school next September following the Kent Test Assessments. Our Boiler is still working !! On its last legs but providing enough heat for the school. All in all a good end to the year. Congratulations to our school choir that took part last Wednesday in the carol concert, at the cathedral with the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment. Last Thursday, we played host for our community lunch inviting over 60 people from the St. Stephen's community to join us for an early Christmas lunch. Children at the school served at the tables, showing our school values of how we care and respect others around us and provided the entertainment. We had our annual visit to the Canterbury Marlowe pantomime last week and Year 4 also visited The Gulbenkian to watch a creative play called "A Little Match Girl".

Yesterday a group of children went bowling as part of our reward to children for showing Care, Consideration and Courtesy. Our Christmas Fair takes place on Friday, please come along and support us. During this week we will start rehearsing for our Christmas entertainment for the last week of term, Lower school Monday 18th December and Upper school Tuesday December 19th. On our last day, Wednesday 20th December, we have a Christingle service led by Cannon Norman, staff festivities for the children and our church carol service at St Stephen's Church ends our term.

We wish all our children, parents, families and friends a very Happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th January.

Best Wishes

Mr S. Pywell

Executive Headteacher

After School Activities/Music Clubs and Homework Club

A flier has recently been sent home regarding individual clubs and when they finishing. There is also a copy on the website.

Booster Groups

Please note that both the morning and after school groups have now finished this term.

Christmas Productions

These productions will be taking place as follows:-

Monday 18th December (Years 3 and 4): 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Tuesday 19th December (Years 5 and 6): 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Everyone is welcome and no tickets are required. Please could children be back at school for 6.00pm for the evening performance. It is vitally important that children participate in both the afternoon and evening performances. If your child cannot attend the evening performance please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.



After School Club

There are still spaces for the After School Club party. If your child regularly attends and has not booked a place, please see Ruth. Please note the party finishes at 5.00pm and not 6.00pm on that day. **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE BREAKFAST CLUB AS USUAL ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER BUT NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.**

Lost Property

We are still having a large number of school uniform turning up in lost property with no names on. If uniform is named we will make every effort to ensure that any item is returned to the child.

We will put a table out in the foyer on Friday 15th December and on the days of the Christmas productions

TERM DATES

Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner (wear a Christmas Jumper)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Fair (3.00pm)
Monday 18 th December	Lower School Christmas Production (2.00pm/6.30pm)(Hall)
Tuesday 19 th December	Upper School Christmas Production (2.00pm/6.30pm)(Hall)
Wednesday 20 th December	Christingle/Carols at the Church (children only)
Wednesday 20 th December	Last Day of Term 2 (non-uniform – wear a Christmas Jumper)
Friday 21 st – 31 st December	Christmas Holidays
Monday 1 st – 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 4 th January	Start of Term 3