

# Orchard Primary December Newsletter



*Included in this special newsletter are a list of all our events over the Christmas period.  
On behalf of all our team I wish you a very special Christmas with family and friends.*

All classes will be using the context of Christmas to develop learning in December. This context will integrate a range of curricular areas and develop skills in real life, engaging activities.

Indoor PE from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** will focus on practices for the party so children will only need their indoor shoes. Classes will have their normal outdoor PE time and will still need a change of clothes for outdoors.

We will have a children's raffle, with a large range of prizes, for all of December. This raffle is very much for children!! Tickets will be **25p each** and it will be drawn at our Christmas service.

**Poetry Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** we will have a focus on poetry. All classes will be involved in poetry workshops and activities in class.

**Xmas Jumper Day – Our jumper day will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.** Children can come to school in Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, with a Santa hat, a strand of tinsel or just simply dressed down. In the morning we will have a range of activities, some will have a small cost and others won't! All fundraising is for the school, there will be games and fun for all even if not fundraising. A flyer will come out with more information on activities and costs.

**Christmas Crafts – This will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon.** Every class in the school has made a Christmas Craft and these will be on sale in the afternoon in the hall. We will open the school to friends and family from 1.30pm. You are invited to come in have a wander round the classes, their stalls in the hall and joining the parent council for coffee. P6 and L5/6/7b will have their social enterprise stall, all funds going to their chosen local organisation. All other fundraising will be for the school. There will also be a stall of paper, cards and other gifts.

Parent council will be serving tea, coffee and cakes £1, there will be cakes for sale. They are asking for donations of baking and biscuits to be handed into school on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a raffle for hampers. Tickets will be 6 for £1.

**Christmas Lunch – This will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.** Cost of lunch will be £2 and we will send home and tweet a note of the festive lunch menu for that day.

**Christmas Panto – This will be in the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.** Hopscotch Theatre will be coming in to perform to the whole school. The panto this year will be Wizard of Oz.

**Gospel Hall – Our choir have been invited to sing at the Gospel Hall Carol Service on 10<sup>th</sup> December.** Two members of staff will be with the children from 3-4pm



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**Christmas Concert – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, the WHOLE school!! Join us for a **Poptastic** Christmas. We ask that all children attend **both performances**. On the day children should be dressed down and can wear, Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, festive hats or tinsel. We will have extra in school so please do not buy anything additional!

**Performance 1 – doors open 12.45pm, starts at 1pm with hot drinks and mince pies after show.**

**Performance 2 – doors open 5.45pm, with hot drinks and mince pies before the show.** Performance starts at 6.30pm.

For the evening performance all children must be dropped off at the nursery doors so we can register them for safety. Children can be dropped off from 5.45pm and collected from 8pm at the nursery doors. We will have a0 0d0r0i0nk and snack for all children.

Tickets for this must see event go on sale on 4<sup>th</sup> December from the office priced £4. Sold first come first served!!!!

**Parties** – On the day of your child's party they can be collected from the main office at 11.30am to go home and get changed. Alternatively, they will get changed in school just before their party. All parties have been planned to support maximum inclusion All children must be back at 12.30pm for the start of the afternoon. Lunch will be as normal that day with snacks and drinks for every child at the party.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – P2, P3, L3/4 & L3/4/5B**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – L1/2, L1/2/3 & L3/4/5a**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – P4, P5, L4/5a & L4/5b**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – P6, P7, L5/6/7a & L5/6/7b**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – P1, will be joined by L1 for a special visitor.**

**Centerpoint** – P3 and P4 will be spending a morning at Centrepoint on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. They will take part in some special Christmas crafts and fun. Children will walk to the school and back. They will be given snack and back with us for lunch.

**Community Café - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** all pupils in LCSC will be visiting the Community Café in Gowkthrapple. The Community Café Ladies are donating the cost of the busses etc., They will leave school at 10.50 and return at 11.30am.

**Christmas Service** – This year our service will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am** in our hall. Come and join us for a celebration of Christmas. We will have a collection at the service with money going to St Andrew's Hospice.

**End of Term** – *The school will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. This will be a non-uniform day for all. The school closes at 2.30pm*

