

THE ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Academy Trust - Special School

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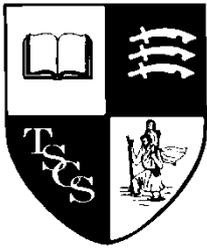
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To All Parents/Carers

6 December 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

Christmas is nearly here – excitement is rising and some classes even have their decorations up! Just a few reminders as we reach the end of term and get ready to complete celebrations



Friday 8 December

Whole School Christmas Bazaar – 1.30pm Sports Hall Entrance

All groups have been busy making goods to sell on the day. They include calendars, mince pies, pickles galore, decorations and a teddy tombola to name a few! There will be a Santa's Grotto with the sixth form where photos can be taken with younger brothers & sisters. Entrance and exit is via the Sports Hall

Wednesday 13 December

Primary Christmas Production – "Once Upon a Time", 1.30pm Sports Hall

Thursday 14 December

Secondary Christmas Production – "A Christmas Cabaret", 1.30pm Sports Hall

Can we please remind all parents/carers that photos/videos of pupils **should not be posted on social media/Facebook** when there are other children in the shot. There are a number of children who **cannot** be identified to the school or locally so care must always be taken. We will be filming the productions and DVDs will be available for you to buy from the school.

Please be mindful of other parents and not interrupting proceedings when taking photos.

Friday 15 December

Primary School Visit to the Pantomime

Primary pupils will be attending the Towngate Theatre to see Aladdin, during the school day. They will be back for lunch in school. They WILL have a good time!

Tuesday 19 December

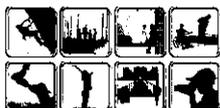
School Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumpers

Reminder that there will be no other alternative that day but pupils can bring a packed lunch if they wish. Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers on this day but we are not collecting for charity.

Wednesday 20 December

Last Day of Term

There will be no hot school dinners on this day. Each class/tutor group will prepare 'party type' lunches in their classes and there will be entertainment in the afternoon. All pupils entitled to Free School Meals will of course be provided with lunch as part of their 'party'. Some secondary groups may be going out for lunch and those groups will receive a separate letter about these arrangements.



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Pupils leave at 3.00pm as usual on Wednesday 20 December and return to school on **Thursday 4 January 2018** for the spring term.



Thank you for all the support for donations to charities this term. We raised £636 for Children in Need after Pudsey came to visit.



We are currently collecting used stamps which will be given to a dog's trust to help them. If you would like to support this, please send in any used stamps after Christmas.



Staff News



Congratulations to Mrs Armstrong, Mr Syrett, Mr Joseph and Mr Paveling on the arrival of their new babies. Mrs Stubbington has recently gone on maternity leave and Mrs Jones will be going on maternity leave at the end of term, we wish them all the best.



Mr Paveling will be leaving us at the end of term, following the arrival of his new baby and to pursue his interest in film producing. Miss Manion will not be returning following her maternity leave and will be taking up a new position in a mainstream school. We wish them both all the best for the future.



I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.



Yours faithfully



Jackie Mullan
Executive Headteacher

