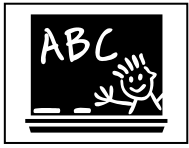


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Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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After School Clubs

I would like to offer a gentle reminder that it is now very dark when children are coming out of clubs at 4:30. We would prefer if children were collected by an adult from the school, but if they are making their own way home, we recommend they wear something bright and reflective, and also it is essential to have lights if they are travelling on bikes (and possibly scooters too).

Thank you.

Don't forget to log on to Parent Pay to book your ticket for the Christmas Disco and to order your 2017 'Photo Booth' Calendar. Deadline for both is Monday 28th November.

Oops - there is a mistake on the Upper School Disco Tickets that have already been sent - they should say 6:30 - 8:30! Thank you to the observant parent who let us know!

Bake Sale – Thursday 1st December

Tess (Y5) and some of her friends have teamed up with Lucy (Y3) and some of her friends with an ambition to raise money for children in Nepal and Syria. They have an ambition to raise £100 and will be holding a cake sale at the end of school on Thursday 1st December. I believe there will be some delicious Christmassy treats to buy. If you are able to make any donations of cakes or biscuits, or support by buying something on the night, I know the children will really appreciate it.

Christmas Dinner – Friday 9th December

The menu for this year's Christmas Dinner is as below:



Seasonal Roast Turkey served with
Bacon wrapped Sausages
Roast Potatoes
Creamed Potatoes
Peas and Carrots
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Gravy

Vegetarian option – Quorn Fillet or Sausages

Festive Chocolate Iced Sponge & Custard
Vanilla Ice Cream & Fruit



This is always a very festive occasion and I would really like all of the children to take part this year. Children who receive free school meals are not expected to pay. This year there is NO additional charge for those children who normally have a school dinner. If your child normally has sandwiches the cost of a Christmas Lunch is £2.10. You will need to pay this via Parent Pay by Tuesday 29th November, in order that the kitchen knows how many children they are catering for. If your child requires a vegetarian meal or there is any other information you wish to inform us about please contact the office via Parent Pay. This can be done by selecting 'I want to' from the home screen, then 'View Communication' then 'Contact School'. Children will select their pudding choice in school.

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Parent Forum

We had a really super first meeting of our Parent Forum on Wednesday this week. Topics of conversation included: catering services, musical tuition, Early Birds and Night Owls, Duathlon, team selection, photographs, Parents' 'How to help...' guides & Assessment Growth Charts.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along and contributed their thoughts, ideas and suggestions – we are really grateful for your input. If you are interested on catching up on any of these items, why not have a chat with a member of Parent Forum, or come along yourself next time? Keep an eye out on the board in the entrance hall and the Parent Forum area of the website for the minutes of the meeting.

Night Owls

We receive exceptionally positive feedback about the new service that was launched in September, from both children and parents.

Parents tell us: "There is a really warm and caring feeling about it." "Children love the space and activities!" "He's really settled well and loves coming, which makes picking up after work much better" "You get two snacks and I think it's really great value for money."

Children tell us: "The food is really lovely and I always have loads!" "Hot dogs or spaghetti on toast are my favourite, and the bagels are delicious ☺" "I love doing crafts - my smartie Christmas tree is brilliant!" "There's always loads of choice of activities like ICT, outside, sports, games and construction and I play with new people I didn't play with before"

Want your child to attend Night Owls? Did you know you don't have to make a regular booking? Running late at work and won't make the 3:30 pick up? Call us and we'll happily book your child into Night Owls. Need to do a bit of Christmas shopping without the children one evening? Just e-mail kjackson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and book your child a place.

Night Owls runs from 3:30 – 5:45 each night and costs £8, including a snack after school and a light tea.

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Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe