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Christmas Newsletter 2018

It's that time of year when the festivities are about to begin and the school gets really busy. A number of Christmas-based letters have already gone out but we hope this newsletter provides you with all the information you need about Porchester's forthcoming festive activities.

Christmas activities

Christmas raffle

On Tuesday 4th December raffle tickets went on sale at just £1.00 per strip of 5 tickets for two amazing chocolate Christmas trees. Don't miss out!

Christmas post-box

The Christmas post-box will be 'open for business' in the old school hall from Tuesday 4th December. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends and class-mates please ensure the envelopes are clearly labelled with full names and class numbers.

Christmas shopping event, Thursday 6th December, 9.00-11.15 pm

Friends of Porchester Junior school are again providing the children with the opportunity to buy a small ready wrapped gift for their special people. Gifts will be priced below £2.00 and are divided into categories: mens, ladies, childrens, with one of each item unwrapped so the children can make their choice and go away with a ready wrapped gift. Please send your child into school with a carrier bag if they are buying a gift(s).

Carol singing at St John's Methodist Church Wednesday 12th December, 1.30 pm

All the school will be attending a Carol service at St John's Methodist church on Wednesday 12th December. Unfortunately as the church is so small there is no additional space for parents to attend.

Christmas dinner, Wednesday 12th December

Christmas dinner is on this day for all children who wish to have one. Cost is £2.30.

Year 6 to visit The Carlton Academy, Thursday 13th December 2018

The year 6 children will walk down to the Carlton Academy to watch their Christmas production after dinner. They will be back for the end of school.

Special Christmas after school session, Monday 17th December 3.15pm-5.30pm

After school club will be doing a choice of sandwiches, cheese on toast and snowman crumpets.

Lower school Christmas performance, Tuesday 18th December 2018

1.30pm and 6.00pm

Tickets will be available from the school office from Thursday 6th December. This event is free of charge and initially tickets will be limited to two per family. Any spare tickets will be available from 13th December on a first come first served basis

Special Christmas Breakfast, Wednesday 19th December

The breakfast club will be doing Santa Pancakes

Christmas parties, upper school Wednesday 19th December PM and lower school Friday 21st December AM

Years 5 and 6 will have their Christmas party on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th December, Please ensure your child wears school uniform for the morning session. They may bring a spare set of clothes to change into. A separate letter about the parties will follow shortly.

Years 3 and 4 on the morning of Friday 21st December. Please ensure your child brings school uniform for the afternoon session. A separate letter about the parties will follow shortly.

Upper school Carol concert, Thursday 20th December, 2:15pm and 6:00pm

Children in upper school will be singing Christmas favourites including well known Carols. The performance will last for approximately 30-40 minutes. Tickets will be available from the school office from Thursday 6th December. This event is free of charge and initially tickets will be limited to two per family. Any spare tickets will be available from 13th December on a first come first served basis

Christmas jumper day, Thursday 20th December

To make sure everyone gets into the Christmas spirit we are inviting all children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper and jeans on Thursday 20th December. This does not have to be a shop bought jumper, you may want to create your very own design. See what you can create with some tinsel and baubles!

Panto

All children will be treated to a Christmas pantomime in school time on the last day of term.

Winter weather warning

Occasionally, we are forced to close the school because of severe weather. Please note that we only close in extreme circumstances, as we understand how disruptive this can be. The arrangements that we make to inform you are as follows:

1. The best place to find out if the school is open is our website. If there is a closure it will be announced on the main page of the website first. Check from about 7.00 am in the morning.
2. We will contact Capital FM and Radio Nottingham.

Capital FM listeners will also get this information but their 'snow line' becomes very busy during really bad weather and the information may not be displayed quite so quickly. On both stations, the speed of on-air announcements will be dependent on the number of schools closed.

3. We will send you a text to the mobile phone number that you have registered with the school's management system. Please make sure that this information is kept up to date.



Diary dates

6th December, Christmas shopping event
12th December, Christmas dinner
12th December, Christmas church service, at St Johns, for pupils only
13th December, Year 6 pupils to watch Carlton Academy's christmas performance
18th December, lower school Christmas performances.
19th December, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party, afternoon
19th December Special Christmas breakfast.
20th December, Upper school Carol concerts
20th December, Christmas jumper day
21st December, Year 3 and Year 4 christmas party, morning
21st December, Christmas Pantomime for whole school

Last day of term, Friday 21st December 2018

Start of spring term, Monday 7th January 2019