



Winscombe Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we all know December can be very busy both at home and in school so we wanted to provide you with a round up of the Christmas activities taking place at school along with those organised by our lovely PTFA committee.

Friday 28th November, the PTFA are holding a Christmas Jumper sale. Please place any donations in the box in the front entrance of the school by the 24th November.

On this day the children can also come to school in Non-Uniform in exchange for a teddy or bottle tombola prize.

On **December 1st** we will start our Reverse Advent. Each day 2 children from each class will be invited to bring in a voluntary donation for the Trussell Trust Food Bank. These can be any of the items below. The Class teacher will message on Class DoJo when it is your child's turn and this day will also be their turn to open the Class advent calendar.

We hope you will agree that this is a fitting way for the children to share the spirit of giving and by adding a small voluntary donation, together we will make a big difference to local food bank.

Food donations

- **Tinned goods:** Meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, spaghetti, and soup.
- **Staples:** Rice, pasta, noodles, and instant mashed potato.
- **Breakfast items:** Cereal, porridge, and instant coffee.
- **Condiments and spreads:** Jam, marmite, honey, and peanut butter.
- **Snacks:** Biscuits, crackers, and snack bars.
- **Baking:** Sugar, flour, and oil.

Non-food donations

- **Toiletries:** Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shower gel, shampoo, and toilet rolls.
- **Household items:** Washing-up liquid, laundry tabs, and bleach.
- **Baby supplies:** Nappies, baby wipes, and baby food.
- **Feminine hygiene:** Sanitary pads and tampons.

On this day we also have the Clergy visiting and they will be making Christingles with Linden Class followed by a whole school assembly.

Tuesday 2nd December – The PTFA have a stall at the Winscombe Festive evening. Please go along and show your support.

On **Friday 5th December** our 3 Key Stage 1 Classes will have the final dress rehearsal for their Nativity production which will be filmed. (USB recordings can be purchased via MCAS under clubs)

Monday 8th December at 9.30am Oak Class will perform their production to parents,

Tuesday 9th December will be Silver Birch Class performance and Walnut Class will perform theirs on **Thursday 11th December**.

Wednesday 10th December -our Y5 pupils will be walking to and from the Community centre in the village to joining the village Luncheon Club to sing Carols at their Christmas Lunch. Please message the Class teacher on DoJo if you have any concerns/questions regarding this.

Thursday 11th December – PTFA Christmas cake sale led by Walnut & Maple Classes

Monday 15th December – All children from Silver Birch through to Ash Class will be treated to “Peter Pan” the pantomime at school. Maple and Sycamore Class will be going to watch Cinderella at Weston Playhouse. Permission will be available on MCAS for Maple and Sycamore’s Trip under trips. Thank you to the PTFA who’s diligent fundraising has covered this.

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch. Children can come in non-uniform with a Christmas Jumper for a donation via Just Giving to Save The Children via this link https://www.justgiving.com/page/winscombe-school-13?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

This is also the day of the PTFA Christmas discos, Tickets will be available to purchase next week and the class reps will send the link!

Wednesday 17th December – Those parents/volunteers who come and help in school are invited for Mince Pies at 1.15pm. This will be followed by Community Carols in the Playground at 2pm to which parents, helper, grandparents, extended family and the wider community are all invited.

Thursday 18th December – Is our annual Carol Service at St James Church in the afternoon. Children will be transported by coach, 2 adults per child are also welcome to attend at 1.00pm. (once again permission should be provided via MCAS under clubs)

Friday 19th December – Father Christmas and his Elf will be visiting in the morning

We hope you find this information helpful.

We look forward to celebrating the festive season by spending time together and enjoying a range of traditions.

Yours sincerely

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