



EYFS enjoyed sharing a Christmas-themed Stay and Play session with their parents earlier

Dear Parents and Carers



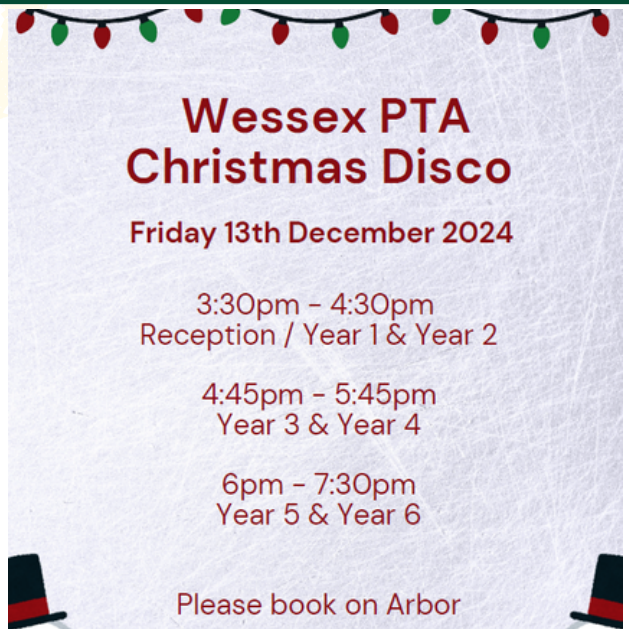
School has been a bustle of busy people this week with the countdown to Christmas having begun. Classrooms are decorated, Christmas songs can be heard at all times of the day and children are excited to see that we are now in December.

Monday saw our very first **Share Your Learning** session, where parents had the opportunity to come in to school, be in their children's classrooms and look through their books.

It was such a lovely atmosphere around school where there was a buzz of discussion and pride from children explaining to their parents their favourite piece of work. Parents finally got to see the work that children have been coming home and explaining over the past couple of terms and we got to open our doors to parents again. As you know, we have been trying to find ways of parents getting involved more in the school and this was a brilliant way of doing so. Thank you so much for the lovely comments and smiles around the school on Monday afternoon. We will certainly have another one before Easter and one towards the end of the school year. If you have any comments relating to the session, please email the office and let us know; we always appreciate feedback.

Our EYFS team have been busy this week too! Not only have they been getting ready for their nativity performances to parents, they have hosted a stay and play session for pre-schoolers looking to start school next year, had a school tour for prospective parents to the school for September 2025 and hosted our friends from Little Red Hen's Nursery for a visit to school. This gave the nursery children a chance to see what school is like for when they start school in September. We are welcoming our friends from Little Red Hens to a performance of our nativity too next week. Thanks to Mrs Corbett, Mrs Eves, Mrs Stockdale and all of the EYFS team for the extra effort!

Year 2 had a wonderful time on their trip to Eton last week. They had the opportunity to explore the natural history museum and they experienced what life was like at school in the Victorian era for the boys who attended Eton college. The children used ink pens and learnt about the different activities and sports that were played in the past.



Wessex PTA Christmas Disco

Friday 13th December 2024

3:30pm – 4:30pm
Reception / Year 1 & Year 2

4:45pm – 5:45pm
Year 3 & Year 4

6pm – 7:30pm
Year 5 & Year 6

Please book on Arbor

Along with this newsletter is a page explaining all of the timings and logistics relating to events in the next two weeks. We know how busy this time of year can get so hopefully having a handy reference guide as to what is happening and when will be useful for you.



Quotes of the week

Thoughts about of our learning this week ...

"We have been making Christmas cards and the grown ups came to see us do some Christmas things" Sienna, Reception

"We learnt about exclamation sentences; using commands, questions and statements" Year 2

"I loved expressing and aicing how to do a rugby try" Jamie, Year 3

"I loved building various structures this week with different materials" Ellie-Louise, Year 4

"I loved learning different operations for fractions" Freddie, Year 5

"I loved singing Happy Birthday to Mrs Vee on her birthday today" Darcey, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Monday 9th December

Panto performance of Sleeping Beauty to the whole school - 9.45am to 10.45am

Wednesday 11th December

FS2 (Reception) Nativity - 9.15am

Thursday 12th December

School Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December

PTA School Discos - payment to be made on Arbor

Tuesday 17th December

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Nativity - 9.15am

Wednesday 18th December

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Nativity - 9.15am

KS3 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) - Carols Round the Tree - 2.45pm

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Parties for all - bring in party clothes

Friday 20th December

Final day of the term - finish at 1:30pm

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Adam and Jasmine

Year 1: Jude and Lottie

Year 2: Thiago and Henry

Year 3: Indie and Jamie

Year 4: Sebastian and Safi-Ullah

Year 5: Migers and Billy

Year 6: Mason and Oliver

Attendance

Lower School: Alder winners with 100%

Upper School: Lime Winners with 98.8%

School attendance this week

93.2%



Last week = 94.6%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values - Resilience



This week, we looked at resilience and how the mindset of keeping on going is so powerful. We linked resilience to a growth mindset and then identified how positive we will feel when we are resilient.

Late collections

There is a growing number of families who are turning up late to collect their children. School finishes at 3:20pm each day. We understand that on the odd occasion, things happen but for some families this is becoming a daily occurrence. We do not offer free childcare facilities at school for any length of time. Please support us by ensuring you are here to collect your child(ren) on time each day.

PTA thanks

We are always very grateful to the fabulous PTA committee who continue to raise funds for the school throughout the year. Next week sees the return of the Christmas Discos so do make sure you order your ticket for your child.

We are always grateful to the PTA for covering the cost of the pantomime which is visiting us next Monday. Last year, the children had an absolutely wonderful time. Being able to experience high-quality live theatre within our school hall is a brilliant opportunity. We are all very much looking forward to seeing this year's panto on Monday!

Also thanks to everyone who provided items for the Bags2School collection - from this, we raised £41.20

Travelling Book Fayre

Thanks to Mrs Cooke for organising the travelling book fayre this week. Also, thanks to Mr Porter for getting the books out each afternoon. For each of the sales made, the school gets a percentage to spend on books for the children at school. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Book Fayre this week.

Character Curriculum

Along with our value of giving, we discussed how we can volunteer our time or skills to help others but we also talked about offering help not for reward but for self-gratification and feeling positive. We also discussed how offering to help too often may not be well-received.

How to walk around the school



- Walking; not running or jumping
 - Walking on one side
 - Single file
- Voices appropriate
- Facing the way you are going
- Giving enough space between you and someone else
- Remembering politeness / holding doors / greetings



Positivity



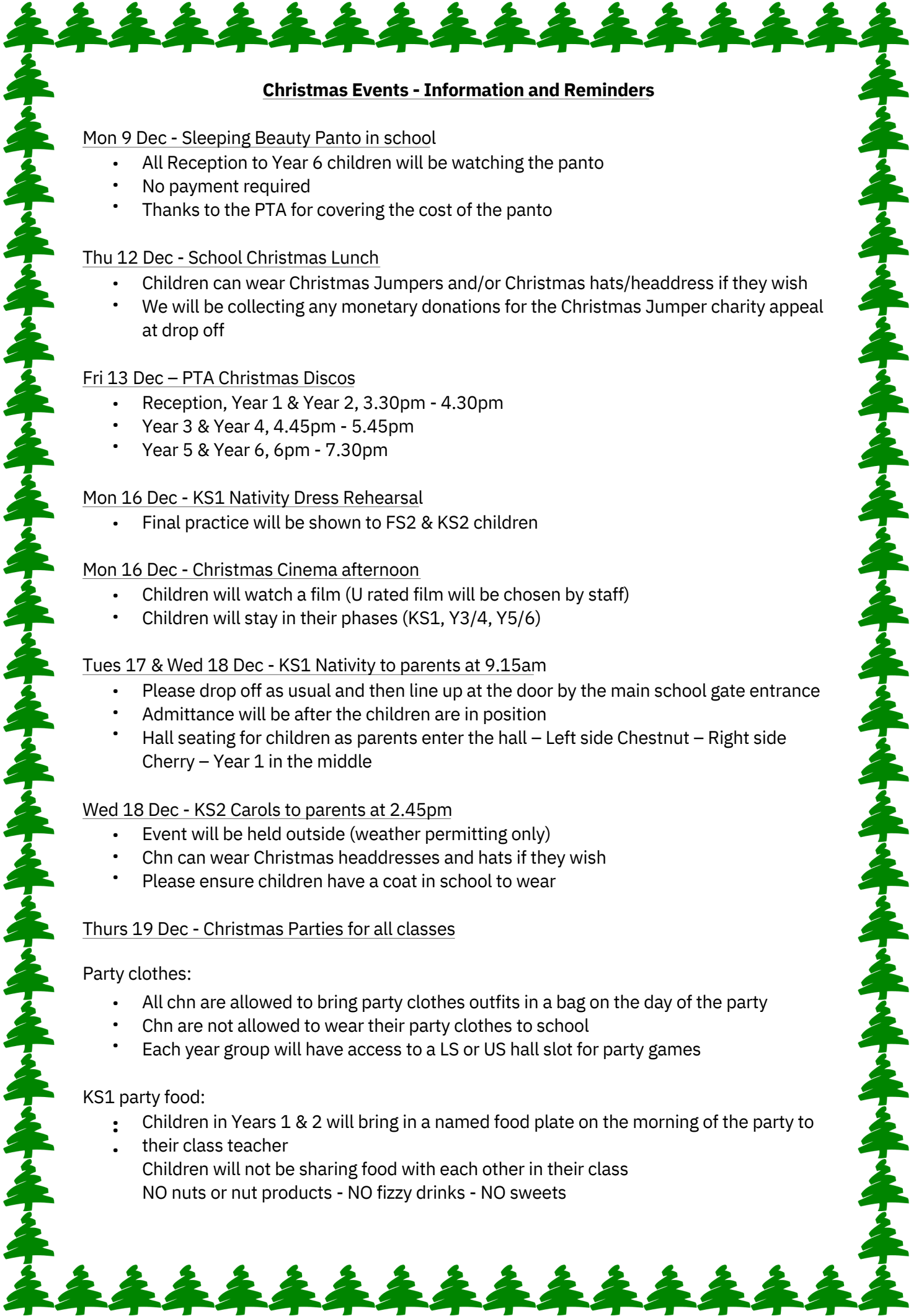
Honesty



Respect



Pride



Christmas Events - Information and Reminders

Mon 9 Dec - Sleeping Beauty Panto in school

- All Reception to Year 6 children will be watching the panto
- No payment required
- Thanks to the PTA for covering the cost of the panto

Thu 12 Dec - School Christmas Lunch

- Children can wear Christmas Jumpers and/or Christmas hats/headdress if they wish
- We will be collecting any monetary donations for the Christmas Jumper charity appeal at drop off

Fri 13 Dec – PTA Christmas Discos

- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2, 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Year 3 & Year 4, 4.45pm - 5.45pm
- Year 5 & Year 6, 6pm - 7.30pm

Mon 16 Dec - KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

- Final practice will be shown to FS2 & KS2 children

Mon 16 Dec - Christmas Cinema afternoon

- Children will watch a film (U rated film will be chosen by staff)
- Children will stay in their phases (KS1, Y3/4, Y5/6)

Tues 17 & Wed 18 Dec - KS1 Nativity to parents at 9.15am

- Please drop off as usual and then line up at the door by the main school gate entrance
- Admittance will be after the children are in position
- Hall seating for children as parents enter the hall – Left side Chestnut – Right side Cherry – Year 1 in the middle

Wed 18 Dec - KS2 Carols to parents at 2.45pm

- Event will be held outside (weather permitting only)
- Chn can wear Christmas headdresses and hats if they wish
- Please ensure children have a coat in school to wear

Thurs 19 Dec - Christmas Parties for all classes

Party clothes:

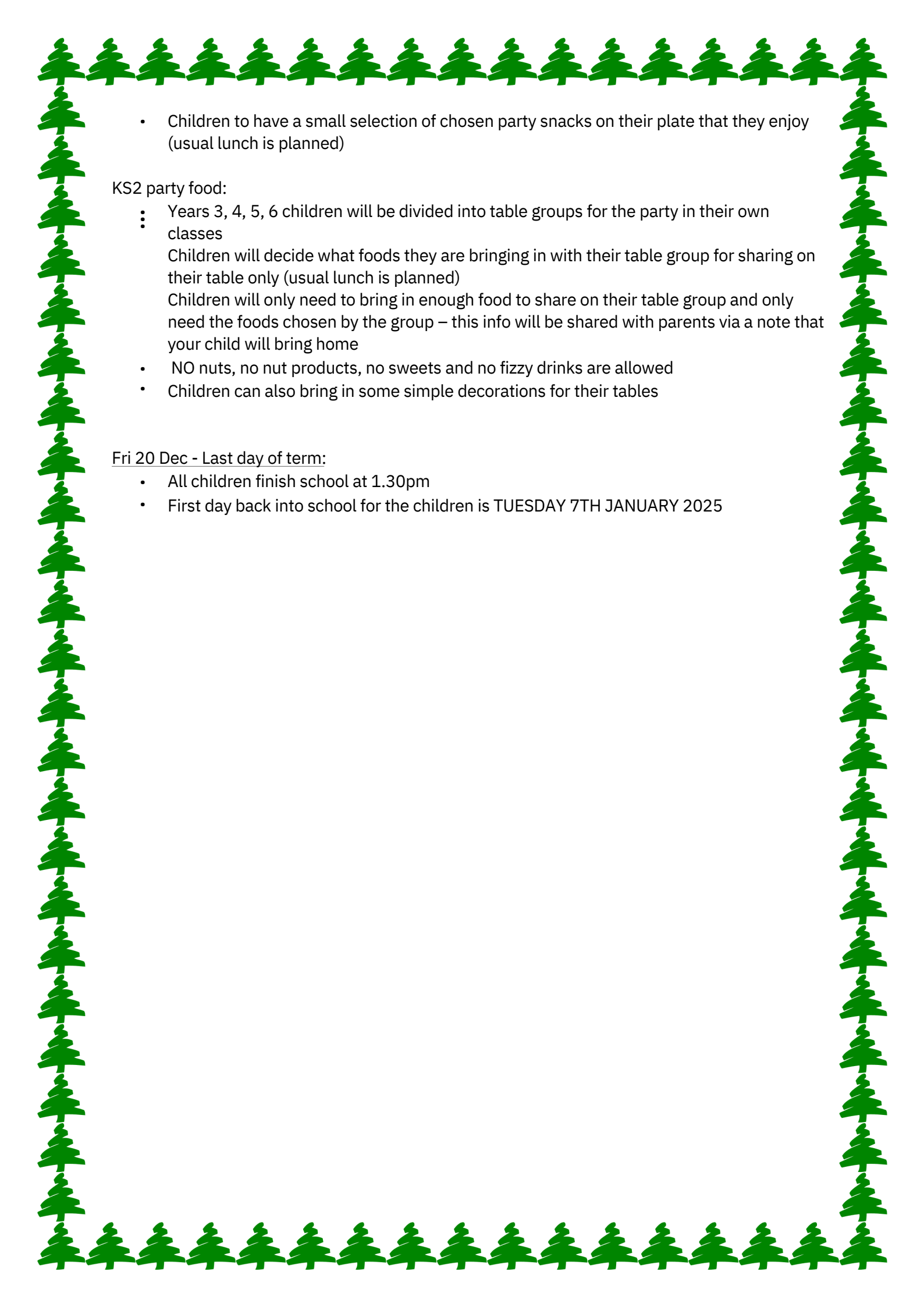
- All chn are allowed to bring party clothes outfits in a bag on the day of the party
- Chn are not allowed to wear their party clothes to school
- Each year group will have access to a LS or US hall slot for party games

KS1 party food:

- Children in Years 1 & 2 will bring in a named food plate on the morning of the party to their class teacher

Children will not be sharing food with each other in their class

NO nuts or nut products - NO fizzy drinks - NO sweets

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- Children to have a small selection of chosen party snacks on their plate that they enjoy (usual lunch is planned)

KS2 party food:

- Years 3, 4, 5, 6 children will be divided into table groups for the party in their own classes
- Children will decide what foods they are bringing in with their table group for sharing on their table only (usual lunch is planned)
- Children will only need to bring in enough food to share on their table group and only need the foods chosen by the group – this info will be shared with parents via a note that your child will bring home
- NO nuts, no nut products, no sweets and no fizzy drinks are allowed
- Children can also bring in some simple decorations for their tables

Fri 20 Dec - Last day of term:

- All children finish school at 1.30pm
- First day back into school for the children is TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2025

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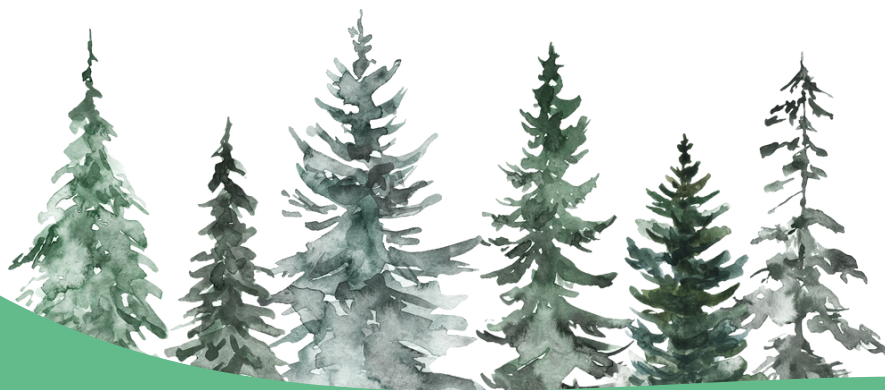
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23rd December - 3rd January

Wessex Primary School
Maidenhead, SL6 3AT

9:30am-3:30pm

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO INCOME RELATED FREE
SCHOOL MEALS?

This Winter Break, children all across Wokingham that are in receipt of Free School Meals can access FREE Christmas Activities over the Holiday.



- Themed Crafts
- 20+ Sports
- Creating, Making, and Designing
- Science Experiments

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- and much more!

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Details



CYBER PROTECT

The Digital Dilemma

Keeping Your
Kids Safe Online

December 4th, 11th, 18th



FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Thames Valley Police

Hints and tips to secure your family
online, covering:

Gaming



Social Media



Email

BOOK YOUR SPACE:

Eventbrite: Police – South East Cyber

DON'T LET IT BE GAME OVER

LEVEL UP

YOUR ONLINE SECURITY

Roots and Branches

Building the community together



Maidenhead PCN Roots and Branches proudly present a Children and Young People's seminar where you can come and talk to our CYP and Family Social Prescribers to build a profile of your child as supportive evidence for school/EHCP's and strategies and tools to help support those with neurodivergence or any challenges that may be arising in school or at home.

Tuesday 17th December from 10-12

St Marks Hospital Maidenhead in the large conference room.
(Head to the Courtyard café and a member of the team will meet you there).

If this is of interest, please respond to this poster via email with confirmation that you would like to attend to:
be-pct.socialprescribing@nhs.net

If for any reason you cannot make this seminar, please give 48 hours' notice so we can offer your place to another parent in the community.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Roots and Branches (Maidenhead PCN)

What is Little Musketeers?

- The UK's No.1 dedicated primary school fencing programme.
- A welcoming and friendly club giving children a fun and safe introduction to the sport of fencing.
- Founded in 2009 by Olympian and 10x British champion James Beevers.
- Currently operating in 60 schools across Berkshire.



Why choose us?

Because its fun!



- Classes provide a unique mix of mental, social and physical stimulation.
- Strategic, disciplined, physical nature makes it attractive to a wide range of students.
- Endorsed by the worlds leading cognitive, developmental neuroscientist.
- Teaching the art of friendly confrontation & conflict resolution.
- Emphasis on a child's social emotional well-being.
- Development of a child's executive functions.



Dear Parent

Little Musketeers at Wessex Primary School | Purple Term – Leadership and Responsibility

Little Musketeers are back offering a fun, safe and educational environment for young children to learn the sport of fencing. What child has not grown up pretending to be a swashbuckling pirate, a dueling Musketeer, or even the master of swordplay himself, Zorro? Why do they do it? Because it's fun!

Little Musketeers provide bright coloured foam and plastic foils and plastic masks with mesh visors that are safe and yet hard enough to give children the real feel of fencing. We ensure visors are worn at all times giving peace of mind as well as that genuine fencing experience.

Little Musketeers classes are designed and managed by Olympic fencer and 4 times British National Champion James Beevers. All staff are CRB checked, First Aid certified and trained personally by James.

This term's course will focus on **Leadership and Responsibility** as well as focusing on balance and reaction speed! Once the course is completed, they will be awarded with the **Purple term wristband**.

We hope you can join us for our **10-week course** as follows:

- Monday 13th January - Monday 24th March 2025 / 08:00 - 08:45 / Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

The cost for the course will be **£80.00** per child.

If your child would like to sign up for this course, please visit:

<https://bookings.littlemusketeers.com>

Once there, follow the instructions to complete your booking online. **Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.**

Yours Faithfully

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WESSEX FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



After School Club @ Wessex

Year 1-6 Girls Every Wednesday 3.30— 4.30pm

Starting W/C 13th January — Finishing W/C 24th March

Maidenhead in the Community, who are the community arm of Maidenhead United Football Club, are running a weekly Football session at Wessex. These sessions will run after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The club will be focused on developing ability, confidence and skill level in a fun environment. The session are run by coaches who have experience and are FA qualified.

BOOK THROUGH OUR WEBSITE WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG CONTACT - MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG

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