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Issue 9

Turning Advent Around

For the vast majority, Advent is a time of opening windows on a calendar and watching the children's faces as they devour a piece of chocolate! It's a magical time in school and great to see the excitement build as we get closer to Christmas. However, this year, we are going to do a reverse Advent. That is, rather than Advent being a season of 'taking', we are trying to turn it around to be a season of 'giving' something back to those less fortunate than us.

During Advent we are asking each class to bring in a tinned food item which we can put into the foodbank to help those in need within Stockport. A recent report confirmed that over 9,000 children live in poverty in the Stockport area so it would be great to bring some Christmas cheer into the lives of these families. From Monday 3rd December, each class will be collecting food items so please send a tin or two in with your child throughout December and let's watch each class pile grow. The class with the biggest percentage collected will receive a prize.

Have your say!

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Christmas Fair Donation Days

Our last Christmas Fair donation day is tomorrow! You have been amazing so far and so generous that I am sure this Fair is going to be magic! Your donations make a huge difference and we thank you in advance but please remember, donation days are optional. Tomorrow (30.11.18) we are asking for donations of cakes from YR / Y2 / Y4 / Y6 and small toiletries or gifts for gift bags for a 'Mum's Present' stall from Y1 / Y3 / Y5 then the Christmas Fair is 3.30 – 5.30pm after school.

Parent Council

I have asked for parents / carers to volunteer to be a class representative on the Parent Council in three newsletters but unfortunately only four volunteers came forward. As this is representative of only a third of classes the parent council will not be relaunched this year but I will be looking at alternative ways in the New Year to engage with and get parental views.

One alternative consideration is having more of an open meeting (rather than a commitment to being a class representative) each half term starting at 9am with coffee and cake and a more open forum. [Let me know](#) your thoughts!

Did you know ...

Our parent governors are Sam Donigan (Y2 parent), Jonathan Birch (Y2 parent) and Nadeera Pratt (Y6 parent)

HEADLINE



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All things festive...

CHRISTMAS FAIR DRESSING DOWN DAYS

Preparations for the Christmas Fair are underway which will make the event a huge success! The last of our dressing down days is tomorrow so I warmly thank you all for your support and generosity with all your donations. Donation days form the backbone of the fair so we ask you to help us with our final dressing down day tomorrow where everyone can come in non-uniform (festive tops encouraged but not essential!) in return for a donation of **either** cakes (preferably homemade!) or toiletries for a new stall which will have Mums gifts on.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Father Christmas has agreed to take time off to be in the music room grotto throughout the fair and would love to give Cheadle Heath boys and girls some presents. There are also games and activities, refreshments in the café, a gin roll (roll £1 and the coin nearest the bottle wins it), a cash prize raffle with 1st prize £125, 2nd prize £50 and 3rd prize £25, a clip board auction (see below) and the main raffle with first prize of a Polar A360 fitness tracker (worth £110). Wow, our fair really is the place to be!

The fair does need the help of parents to be successful. We need help setting up tomorrow daytime and if you can stay behind when the fair closes to prepare the classrooms for the children on Monday morning that would be a wonderful help. We can't put these events on without your help so please volunteer generously.

CHRISTMAS FAIR CLIPBOARD AUCTION

Returning by popular demand, we will be having a clipboard auction at the Fair. A number of items will be written on separate clip boards and you are asked to record how much you are willing to pay for the item. You can see how the bidding is going and can outbid people until the auction closes at 5pm sharp! There are some great prizes in the auction including a half day Porsche experience RRP £295, £50 Boden voucher, afternoon tea & a Steiff teddy RRP £169. Happy bidding ... grab a bargain! You do not need to pay for your winning bids on the day, just go to the school office to claim your prize with full payment within 7 days after which we will go to the second bidder on the list.

Please Note!

All raffles (including the cash prize raffle) will be drawn on the night of the Fair but, in order to avoid long queues at the raffle stations, we will NOT be recording your name and number on your ticket. This means that you will not be contacted if you win a prize but a full list will be posted on school story and the tickets will be on display in the school reception for a week. We will be keeping all the raffle tickets and any unclaimed prizes will be raffled at one of the Christmas performances.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION

We have put our Christmas tree up and will have our annual tree dressing assembly for all children on Monday. Everyone is invited to bring a decoration (either homemade or one from home) for this special assembly so that they feel ownership of the tree. Please don't make them too big or heavy as the tree will sag! The tree will be taken down Tuesday 18th December (the day before we break up) so that children can take them home. Any uncollected ones will be disposed of on the last day of term (19th December).

CHRISTMAS POST

Our free postal service (internal school mail only!) will be open for delivery from Monday 3th December when post will be delivered around school. Pupils are asked not to bring any Christmas cards into school until then.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner is on the last day of term (Wednesday 19th December) and all children are invited to join in, including Nursery. The letter will be distributed soon. This is also Christmas party day. We combined the two occasions last year so that we did not have excessive waste at the parties and it proved very successful so we are repeating this format again. You will not be asked to send party food in as the party will be games and fun activities and will not include party food. All children can wear their own clothes / party clothes on this last day of term.

CHRISTMAS TICKETS

KEY STAGE 1

On 11th and 12th December, children in Key Stage 1 (KS1) will be performing their spectacular Christmas show '*Born In A Barn!*' Admission is by ticket only & letters were distributed last week. Performance times & dates are:

- Tuesday 11th December: 2pm
- Wednesday 12th December: 10.30am

We are bound by fire regulations as to how many tickets we can allocate but always attempt to ensure that at least every mum / dad / carer can see their child perform in one show. With this in mind, please claim your tickets by the dates & times set out in the ticket letter.

FOUNDATION STAGE Nursery & Reception parents are invited to '*Christmas Counts*', on the dates & times below:

- Tuesday 11th December: 10.30am
- Wednesday 12th December: 2pm

The ticket letter has been distributed.

KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTINGLE

Key Stage 2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) will be performing their Christingle service in the school hall on Monday 17th December at 2pm and 6.30pm. Please join us for this special event. The ticket letter will be distributed shortly.



Best wishes,

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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Autumn Term 2018 diary dates

The autumn term is always very busy (and long!) so there are many important events to enter into your diary. The diary dates are updated on each newsletter as, inevitably, additions and occasional changes do occur. Any amendments are indicated in red so that they are easy to identify.

Date	Event	Who for
Half term: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October		
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fair Countdown: Non uniform wear festive clothes / accessories	Everyone
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
Monday 3 rd December	Christmas Tree decorating assembly – details above	Pupils
w/b Monday 3 rd December	Stay & Read Week – all welcome to come read with your child 8.45 – 9.15am daily	
Wednesday 5 th December	Y6 Residential trip to Robinwood (Wednesday til Friday)	Y6 Pupils
Wednesday 5 th December	Health Drop In with the School Nurse from 9am MOVED TO TOMORROW ↓	All parents
Thursday 6 th December	Health Drop In with the School Nurse from 9am (no need to book, just turn up)	All parents
Thursday 6 th December	KS1 making pop up Christmas cards with Paul Johnson	KS1 pupils
Thursday 6 th December	Amethyst Class to the People's Museum with St John's school (linking project)	Amethyst Class
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Workshops	Years 3 - 5
Tuesday 11 th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity: 10.30am	EYFS parents
Tuesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 2pm	KS1 parents
Wednesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 10.30am	
Wednesday 12 th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity: 2pm	
Thursday 13 th December	YR & Y1 to Sale Waterside to watch production of J. Briggs' Father Christmas	
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Workshops	Year 6
Monday 17 th December	Key Stage 2 Christingle Service in school 2pm & repeated at 6.30pm	Pupils & parents
Tuesday 18 th December	Sleeping Beauty Panto @ Stockport Plaza	Year 2 - 6
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner (including Nursery) & Parties / School finishes at 2pm	Pupils (sorry!)
Christmas Holidays: Thursday 20th December – Wednesday 2nd January 2019		
Thursday 3 rd January 2019	INSET (2/5) – school closed to pupils.	Staff only in school
Friday 4 th January	INSET (3/5) – school closed to pupils.	Staff only in school
Monday 7 th January	School reopens for the 2019 spring term	Everyone
Wednesday 9 th January	Y3 trip to Liverpool to see the Egyptians	Year 3
Tuesday 15 th January	Y5 Onyx Class to Cheadle Hulme School re science outreach programme	Y5 Onyx
Wednesday 16 th January	Emerald Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Emerald Class parents
Friday 18 th January	Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank	Year 5
Wednesday 23 rd January	Garnet Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Garnet Class parents
Friday 25 th January	EYFS Stay & Play	EYFS parents
Wednesday 30 th January	Onyx Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Onyx Class parents

School Terms & Holidays

These calendar dates can also be found on our website [here](#).

Term dates 2018 - 19

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Friday 19 th October 2018
Autumn 2	Monday 29 th October 2018	Wednesday 19 th December 2018 at 2pm
Spring 1	Monday 7 th January 2019	Friday 15 th February 2019
Spring 2	Monday 25 th February 2019	Friday 5 th April 2019 at 2pm
Summer 1	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
Summer 2	Monday 10 th June 2019	Friday 26 th July 2019 at 2pm
INSET days	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Monday 3rd September 2018 2 Thursday 3rd January 2019 3 Friday 4th January 2019 4 Monday 29th July 2019 5 Tuesday 30th July 2019 	

Thinking ahead ...

Term dates 2019 - 20

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Friday 18 th October 2019
Autumn 2	Monday 28 th October 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019 at 2pm
Spring 1	Monday 6 th January 2020	Friday 14 th February 2020
Spring 2	Monday 24 th February 2020	Friday 3 rd March 2020 at 2pm
Summer 1	Monday 20 th April 2020	Friday 22 nd May 2020
Summer 2	Monday 8 th June 2020	Friday 24 th July 2020 at 2pm
INSET days	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Monday 2nd September 2019 2 TBC 3 TBC 4 TBC 5 Monday 27th July 2020 	

Term dates 2020 - 21

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