



1st December 2023

Festive and End of Term Arrangements - December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach peak festive swing at school and build up to the PAKSA Disco after school today, I am writing to confirm arrangements for the last two weeks of term.

We have a really busy couple of weeks of term ahead so I have summarised these below, together with details of our early finish on Friday 15th December, which is very similar to previous years.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop **Tuesday 5th December** **7.00 - 9.00pm in the School Hall**

Last few places left, raising funds for Plaistow and Kirdford Forest School projects - to book your place, please visit the Plaistow and Kirdford School Store on the school website - £30.00 to include a mulled wine and mince pie.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch **Wednesday 6th December**

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

Next Wednesday, 6th December, we are inviting children to come to school in their usual school uniform but with a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper if they would like. Remember, there's no need to buy a new jumper. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit. If you want to get creative and decorate a jumper, the Christmas Jumper Day website contains lots of fun craft ideas.

We'd appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success. Together, we can make the world better with a sweater.

To make a donation, please click on the link below:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230015206>

The children will also enjoy their Christmas Lunch on 8th December, whether they have ordered a hot meal through ParentPay or they bring a packed lunch, they will all sit with their class and be able to have a Christmas Cracker courtesy of PAKSA.

KS 2 Christmas Carol Concert **Thursday 7th December**

In the evening, our KS 2 children will have their Annual Christmas Carol Concert at St John the Baptist Church, Kirdford. A letter with full details was sent to KS2 families at the end of last week.





KS 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal and Performances Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December

This year, our KS1 Nativity - Everyone Loves a Baby! will be held on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. The Dress Rehearsal will take place on Monday 11th December.

A letter with more details on how families can book their seats for the Nativity was sent to our KS 1 families earlier this week and the booking system for reserving seats remains open until Friday 8th December. Slips of paper have been sent home in KS 1 children's book bags with information on costumes and dates for the costumes to be brought into school. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unsure of what your child should wear to the nativity.

Christmas Parties Thursday 14th December - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Friday 15th December - Years R, 1 and 2

This year we will be holding our annual Christmas parties in Key Stage groups. The parties will take place on Thursday 14th December for Years 3-6 and on Friday 15th December for Years R-2. Children may come to school in MUFTI (home clothes) on their party day. Please would you ensure that footwear is sensible. The school's policy on jewellery does not change on a MUFTI day.

Rather than asking for children to bring food, we are asking for a donation of £1.00 towards a drink, snack and party prizes. We will have a collection bucket outside the front of school for any donations or if you don't have any cash but would like to make a donation, there will be a QR code on the front of the bucket. Alternatively, please click on the link below to make a donation. All children will have their school lunch as usual.

[Donations for Christmas Party Year 3-6](#)

[Donations for Christmas Party Year R-2](#)

End of Term Arrangements Friday 15th December

As with previous terms, we will be finishing on our last day of term, Friday 15th December at a slightly earlier time. This will enable school to pool resources, organise learning spaces and facilitate a deeper clean of school.

If you would like your child to travel home on the school bus, the buses will depart as follows:

Kirdford Bus – 12.45pm
Dunsfold Bus – 12.45pm
Ifold Bus – 12.45pm

If you would like to collect your child directly from school please collect at 1.15pm.

We will be returning to school after the Christmas Break on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Many thanks to all our families for all their support this term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr King