

20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Christmas Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we thought it would be a good idea to send you a letter outlining all the Christmas events and some arrangements you will need to be aware of. Please see below for details and use this as a handy poster for your fridge or noticeboard!

We are hoping that nothing thwarts all our planning, but please keep your eye on parenthub for updates, especially as the weather continues to take a wintery turn.

### Christmas Post box

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December until Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

We know that many children will send Christmas cards to each other. In order to make this easier, less disruptive and more exciting, we will have two Christmas post boxes for children to post their cards in which will be located in the school hall and the main reception area. Some of our older children will sort and hand deliver the cards to classes. To help them to do this, please make sure that a **full name** and **class** are written on the envelopes.

### PTA Christmas Fair and evening of Christmas Cheer

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5pm until 7pm

Please join us to enjoy music from the school choir, drinks at the PTA bar, pork pie from Mettricks and of course a mince pie. There'll be cakes and hot dogs for the children too.

Our fabulous raffle and festive games will be there to enjoy.

Raffle tickets are available online or on the night. This year we will be cashless so please bring your card and/or phone, and you can purchase tokens in advance or on the night as well.

### Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Please inform the school office if you would like to book your child a Christmas dinner instead of a packed lunch by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest, so that the correct food order can be completed.

### The Snowman at Buxton Opera House

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

The children in the year 1/2 classes will be visiting Buxton Opera House on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December to watch an afternoon performance of Raymond Briggs' festive family favourite, "The Snowman" with a live orchestra. We look forward to this magical experience!

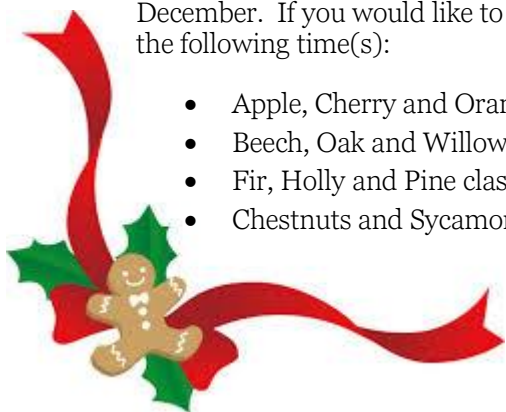
### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Craft in School

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school with their normal uniform.

All of our children will be involved in Christmas craft activities throughout the day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to join your child with the activity, please come to the main reception at the following time(s):

- Apple, Cherry and Orange Blossom classes – 9.15am – 10am
- Beech, Oak and Willow classes – 10.15am – 11am
- Fir, Holly and Pine classes – 1.20pm – 2.05pm
- Chestnuts and Sycamores classes – 2.30pm – 3.15pm



## Reception and Nursery Christmas Nativity

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, and

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

All the children are working so hard to learn their lines and songs for the production of 'Wriggly Nativity'. We welcome families who have children in Chestnuts and Sycamores classes to join us at either of the performances.

## Carol Concert at Church

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in All Saints Parish Church (Old Glossop)

This year, we will only be taking children from years 1 to 6 as our children in Reception and Nursery have their own Christmas Nativity event.

Due to the capacity of the church, we ask that only one parent/carer per family attends the service this year.

## Christmas Parties and Party Food

All children will have some festive fun at their Christmas Party (see dates below) where they will come to school in their party gear, enjoy some party food and play lots of games.

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - children in Apple, Cherry and Orange Blossom classes
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – children in Chestnuts and Sycamores classes
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December (morning)** – children in Beech, Oak and Willow classes
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December (afternoon)** - children in Fir, Holly and Pine classes

As in the past, we request that you pay £1 contribution towards the class party food, this can be done via ParentPay. This payment item will be available on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## The 12 Days of Christmas

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Before we depart for the Christmas break, all the Dukes children and staff will join in the annual tradition of singing The 12 Days of Christmas in the hall with Christmas gusto!

Please note that there are NO afterschool clubs except Night Owls week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December. In addition, there are NO Forest School sessions, NO music lessons for year 3/4 classes or swimming lessons for Oak class. Please also note that Night Owls will not be running on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

All these events and more can also found on the school calendar which you can subscribe to so not to miss an event.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Yours sincerely

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