

# **Purbrook Infant School**

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# **Friday Flier**



#### **PTFA Christmas Markets**

Thank you very much to the PTFA members and everyone who volunteered to be 'personal shoppers and present wrappers' at our very busy and successful Christmas market today. The children thoroughly enjoy doing their very own present shopping.

## **Individual Photographs**

These were sent earlier this week. Please let the school office know of any discrepancies as a matter of urgency.

#### **PTFA Advent Calendars for the Children**

Today all the children will be coming home with a chocolate advent calendar which has been kindly provided by our PTFA.

## Pantomime - Monday 02 December - Mufty Day

On this day the children will all see a theatre production performed by a professional company called "Sleeping Beauty". This is being organised by the PTFA and we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 per child to help cover the cost as this is very expensive. All the children will also be provided with a chocolate treat and may come to school dressed in non-school uniform. Please ensure your child has shoes suitable for the playground.

We would like to thank the PTFA on behalf of all the children for organising and paying for this event from their fund-raising efforts.

#### **Christmas Post**

As from **Monday 02 December** there will be a Christmas stocking/post box in *each class* which children can post their Christmas cards for friends and staff at school. Please could parents ensure that the cards children send have the recipient's **full name** and their **class** on the envelope. Failure to address cards clearly may mean they do not get delivered!! The last day for cards to be posted is Wednesday 18 December: *Please note, cards received after this date will not be delivered.* 

## **Parental Consultations**

A letter will be sent out early next week giving details of how to book a meeting with your child's class teacher.

#### Reminder: Christmas Forest School "Winter Wonderland"

Please come along to the forest on your child's day, explore the forest, enjoy a hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows for £1 - available in the Learning Lodge, sit by the fire and leave with a special gift.

In the event of bad weather, this event will still take place. It will just be nice and cosy inside.

We would like to invite you into our forest where you can search for your child's decoration and make a voluntary contribution to purchase it. The money raised from the shop will be spent ensuring the spring term Forest School afternoon sessions continue and are as exciting as they have been this term.

- ❖ Year 2 parents can visit the forest shop on: Wednesday 04 December at 3.20pm
- Year 1 parents can visit the forest shop on: Thursday 05 December at 3.20pm
- Year R parents can visit the forest shop on: Wednesday 11 December at 3.20pm

Please pick your child up as normal and then walk round to the forest together.

# Other Events taking place next week

- ➤ Tuesday 03 December: Year R and Year 1 Performances please refer to letter previously sent out to request tickets
- ➤ Wednesday 04 December: Wreath Making Event (pre bookable)

Please remember to bring your Christmas production tickets with you on the day Please bring some change to purchase a programme and for our retiring collection

# Reminder re VERY Important Date: Friday 13 December – SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1.15PM

As previously advised, this year we are having our annual fayre on a Thursday at 1.45pm which is resulting in the school closing at 1.15pm. We have done this as it has become increasingly difficult for the PTFA to get enough volunteers to run the stalls and to help tidy up afterwards. In this way all staff are able to run a stall. The children will therefore have lunch at school and we need you to collect them at 1.15pm. The Christmas Fayre will start at 1.45pm.

Please note that the Beehive After School Club will not be running on this day and no charge will be made. This will also affect children who attend from Purbrook Junior School.

# Change of Lunch Option: Friday 13 December

Due to the Christmas Fayre taking place, the children will be eating in class on this day. This has necessitated a change in menu. The options will be hot dog in a roll (vegetarian option available). There will be no jacket potato option on this day. If you have already chosen your child's lunch on this day, you will need to re-order.

## **Reporting Absence**

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<a href="https://studybugs.com/about/parents">https://studybugs.com/about/parents</a>). If your child is unwell, it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

#### **Forest School Sessions**

Timetables for this half term have already been sent out and the timetable for next week is shown below. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. Additional PE sessions will take place on Tuesday for children in Year 1 and on Friday for children in Year 2. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following links:

Year R Autumn B Forest and PE Timetable

Autumn B: Year 1 and Year 2 Forest and PE Timetable

Year R			
Date	Forest School	PE	
Thursday	Wagtails	Robins	
05 December		Kingfishers	

Year 1				
Date	Forest School	PE		
Wednesday	Blackbirds	Doves		
04 December	Biackbiius	Woodpeckers		

Year 2			
Date	Forest School	PE	
Thursday	Eagles	Kestrels	
05 December		Owls	

# **Lunch Menu**

As you are aware, we have changed our school catering company and alongside this, our menu. This is now available for parents to view and order online. Please go to <a href="https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/">https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/</a> where you can view and order a lunch for your child.

**Ordering in Advance:** You can order in advance for the whole week (possibly longer). If you do this but then your child is not in school before 9.15am because you are late or are taking them to an appointment but you haven't informed us of this, **their lunch request will be cancelled** and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch. Whilst lunches are free to parents, the school has to pay for these.

If your child has an appointment and will be in late but requires a lunch that day, please let us know by leaving the school a voicemail. We have set up a designated telephone option – option 4. You can pre-order a lunch or leave us a message (before 9.15am). We just need you to let us know that your child will be in later that day. Please do not leave a message on the normal absence line as staff may not get to your message in time

Please click on the following link which takes you to a letter we sent out last half term which provides full details of the change: Change of School Caterer and Ordering Food

Jacket Potato Menu – please click on the following link to view the daily choice of fillings Jacket Potato Menu

A reminder that the school will be closed next Friday, 06 December as it is an INSET Day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret

Headteacher