







Friday 18th November 2022



Dear Parent/Carers,

As we approach the Christmas period, many plans begin to take shape in school to ensure we can provide pupils with as wonderful of an experience as possible during this magical time of the year. We have built back in some of the events that we have been unable to enjoy for the past couple of years, due to COVID restrictions, such as our fabulous Christmas market and performances by our youngest pupils. The table below details the events over the next few weeks and additional information will also be sent out for each one if needed.

<p>Week Beginning 28th November</p>	<p>Instant Christmas</p> <p>Our classrooms are being decorated for pupils with trees and trimmings!</p>
<p>Christmas Cards</p> 	<p>Lots of our pupils enjoy giving out cards to others in school. We want to make sure that our pupils have the opportunity to do this, this year. If your child would like to bring in cards for others, these can be brought into school and posted in their class Christmas post box, and handed out within the week.</p>
<p>Thursday 8th December</p> 	<p>Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>Wear your Christmas jumper or other festive clothing all day long.</p> <p>There is no cost involved, however if you wish to make a donation to Save the Children this can be done directly at www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day</p>
<p>Thursday 8th December from 1.30pm</p> 	<p>Christmas Market</p> <p>Our Christmas Market is one of the highlights of our school calendar and we are pleased to announce that, after two years of COVID restrictions, we can once again hold this festive event. Once again, our pupils are working hard in their DT lessons this term to construct some fantastic products to sell and raise valuable funds for projects in school.</p> <p>You will receive a letter from your child's class to explain exactly what each year group's product is and the small cost – decided by the pupils in each class as part of their enterprise work. Items can be purchased at the Christmas Market or brought home on Friday 9th December.</p> <p>Please see our flyer for details on how to get involved and run your own food, drink, gifts or craft stall at our Christmas Market!</p>
<p>Friday 9th December</p> 	<p>Virtual Pantomime</p> <p>We will once again be funding a virtual Pantomime, which every pupil will be able to enjoy. As last year, we will really give the children a theatre style experience by transforming our classroom seating into rows, allowing the pupils to bring in popcorn and other snacks and joining in with panto cheers!</p>

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<p>Monday 12th December</p>	<p>Parental Engagement Event</p> <p>Come and join us for fun Christmas themed learning activities. This is a fabulous opportunity to support your child's learning in the classroom.</p> <p>Parents can join their children in classrooms 2-3pm. Entry and sign in will be through the main school entrance.</p>
<p>Thursday 15th December</p>	<p>Traditional Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Our kitchen is serving up a traditional Christmas Dinner for all those that choose a school dinner option on this day. If you would like a Christmas Dinner on this day, please make a payment of £2.60 via ParentMail. Shortly before the day, we will send out a link via text and email for you to indicate whether your child would like a Christmas dinner on the day (this is purely to help us plan numbers in advance).</p> <p>This day will be a non-uniform day.</p>
<p>Thursday 15th December – 2pm</p>	<p>Christmas Performance</p> <p>Year 3 pupils will be performing to parents on the afternoon of Thursday 15th December at St Peters Church in Askern. Families of Y3 pupils are welcomed to join us from 2pm, and even join in with some Christmas singing! The team will send out additional details closer to the time.</p>
<p>Friday 16th December</p>	<p>Christmas Parties</p> <p>Pupils will spend the afternoon having their annual Christmas Party. These will take place within year groups and we would kindly request that parents possibly contribute towards these by way of food and drink (store bought). Teachers will be in touch with more information. This is a non-uniform day so please feel free to wear your party clothes/Christmas jumper for the whole day!</p>
	<p>Friday 16th December</p> <p>End of term - School closes at 3pm on Friday 16th December, reopening on Wednesday 4th January at 8.30am.</p>

As you can see, we have lots of things planned over the next few weeks & we have carefully organised these to allow children to still experience the joyous run up to Christmas whilst minimising disruption to usual learning time.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas,

Emma Anderson and the staff at Spa Academy

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