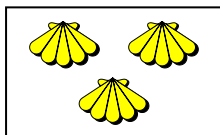


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High Wych CE Primary
School
(Founded in 1861)



Christmas

Parent Consultation

Thank you to those parents who have attended these meetings. If you missed it please contact your teacher to see if you can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

PTA

The Christmas Fayre this year is on Friday December 4th. There will be a non-uniform day to collect items for the fayre on 27th November,

ICT Acceptable Use Policy

Well done to Orange class who have all signed and returned their sheets. For all other classes we still are awaiting a few more. Please sign and return and send back before the end of term.

E safety evening - 1st March 2016 7pm

Advance notice: We have organised for an E safety advisor from Herts for Learning to come and talk to parents about the dangers children face whilst using the internet and how we can all help them as they grow older. More details will follow nearer the time.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to Year 6 who organised the cake sale and Pudsey silver coin collection. They raised an amazing £411.50.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes

Please send in your filled shoeboxes by **9am on Monday 23rd November**. They will be collected promptly on this day.

Trip money

Please send in any outstanding trip money as soon as possible. Payment is now due for Green class Colchester castle trip. If you still have money outstanding for any trips that have already taken place this term can you please send the money in to the office asap. Thank you very much.

Swimming - Spring term

We will be offering any child in Year 6, 5 and 4 who cannot swim 25m yet the opportunity to attend weekly sessions for £1 each week during the spring term. If your child is interested please return the form with the money by Friday 4th December. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with priority given to Year 6. Spaces are limited.

Photos

School photos are being sent out to your child today. Any queries please see the office.

Orchestra mini performance

You are invited to hear a selection of Christmas Music played by the High Wych School Orchestra on Wednesday 9th December at 8:35am in the School Hall. We will be opening the doors to the Hall just before this time, so please enter via the playground. Everyone is welcome,

Travelling Crib

There are still spaces for any families who would like to take home the travelling crib for a night and spend time retelling the story of Christmas. We have bought some new figures this year so even if you had it last year you are more than welcome to borrow them again this year. Just let the office know.

Nativity plays

Nursery and Reception families are invited to attend our nativity production on **Tuesday 15th December at 9.15am**. There will be coffee and tea available beforehand. This year we will be allocating tickets to each family to help with seating arrangements. Letters will be sent out next week. We look forward to seeing you and any grandparents there.

Year 1 and 2 families are invited to attend our nativity production on **Thursday 17th December at 9.15am**. There will be coffee and tea available beforehand. This year we will be allocating tickets to each family to help with seating arrangements. Letters will be sent out next week. We look forward to seeing you and any grandparents there.

Weekly Reading

I'm really pleased that so many parents are reading with their children at home each night. It really does make a difference when you take the time to discuss the books with them, help them with their fluency and reinforce strategies if they come across words they do not know or understand. I just want to clarify that an adult needs to sign and date each time they read at home and the books shared and noted in their reading records do not just have to be 'school' books; in fact the wider the range the better. The number of times read is counted from Friday to Thursday each week so hopefully this will clarify the issue with stickers being put into diaries. Keep up the good work and help the children read for pleasure!

Christmas Dinner

Please return any forms to request a Christmas meal by **Tuesday 24h November**.

Year1/2 Flu vaccination

Please return any outstanding consent forms to the office as soon as possible. Your child will not be able to take part if we haven't received a consent form.

Dates for the term

Thursday 26 th November	Year 3 Colchester Castle Trip
Friday 27 th November	Non uniform day for Christmas fayre
Monday 30 th November	NO SCHOOL - Occasional day
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 4 Open strings lesson
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 1/2 Flu vaccination
Friday 4 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 9 th December	Orchestra mini performance 8.35am
Monday 14 th December	Last Nursery afternoon session
Tuesday 15 th December	FS Nativity 9.15am
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Church service 9.30am
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas dinner and Pantomime
Thursday 17 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.15am
Friday 18 th December	Finish 2pm
Tuesday 5 th January 2016	Children return

Yours sincerely
Mrs M. J. West
Headteacher