

Tickhill Estfeld Primary School



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Dear Parents,

We are now in the fortnight before the Christmas break and our pupils will be busy applying the finishing touches to Christmas cards, calendars and Christmas hats, so that they are ready to enjoy the end of term festivities.

POLITE REMINDER – School Training Days – Monday 8th January 2018 and Friday 19th January 2018 School will be closed to pupils on both days.

Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Church

Our KS2 concert and performance of "Stable Story" on Tuesday 19th December 2017 is as usual at St. Mary's Church at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing family and friends there on the evening for an enjoyable performance and to join us in singing a few carols. All Key Stage 2 pupils should attend and arrive at church at 6.45pm, for a prompt 7.00pm start. At the end of the performance all pupils must be collected from church by an adult. Pupils will be briefed in school about safety and must not leave the church unaccompanied.

Pupils will be walking to the church on the morning of Tuesday 19th for a rehearsal. Parental consent is not needed as this is deemed a local walk, which all parents gave consent for at the beginning of term.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert

We are really looking forward to welcoming our families and friends into school to see our Reception Class and KS1 performance of Sleeping Beauty and the Nativity, later this week. Our pupils do find it very off-putting if photographs are taken during the performance and for this reason we do ask those attending to wait until the end of the performance when all pupils, who have parental permission to do so, will take part in the photo-shoot. This will allow you a little more time to get that much treasured photograph. Videoring is not allowed at any time.

At the end of the performances pupils will be returning to their classrooms to get dressed before going home. Pupils in KS2 will be leaving school at their normal time of 3.15pm – parents and pupils who have taken part in the earlier performances are very welcome to wait inside school until this time.

The Last Day – Friday 22nd December 2017

On our last day in school we allow the pupils to bring a toy or game to school to share with friends. As much as we try to prevent them, accidents do happen so please **do not** bring anything precious or expensive to school. Toys do sometimes get lost or broken.

We do not allow anything that needs electrical power to be brought into school – charged items are fine but cannot be recharged on the school premises.

Strictly no mobile phones or remote controlled toys. No iPads, tablets, cameras or similar items, please – these are too expensive to be brought into school.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everybody who supported the Home and School Association's Christmas Fair last week. It was good to see so many parents and other family members on the afternoon. Thank you to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who planned and ran a wide range of stalls which raised a tremendous £316. Their games of skill and chance made the afternoon fun for those who visited them, especially those lucky enough to win a prize. As a reward the HSA will be treating the Y5 and Y6 pupils to a new Christmas movie and popcorn in our last week of term. Thank you also to the members of the HSA for their work in planning and organising the day; their efforts raised a fantastic £1,306.93 for their funds, which of course all benefit the pupils directly. Thank you also to Santa for finding the time to visit our school at his busiest time of year.



Contact Details

If you have changed any of your contact details or do so over the Christmas holiday please ensure that you notify school; please ask for a data collection sheet at the school office and amend your contact details as soon as possible. This is especially important at this time of year as we sometimes need to contact parents at short notice by text message if weather conditions change suddenly or cause disruption to school opening.

Tickhill Town Council Awards

Congratulations to Sian Howells-White who was awarded the Young Person of the Year Award by Tickhill Town Council recently in recognition of her charity work. Sian has knitted a variety of items over the last three years, which she has sold and donated the proceeds to Weston Park Hospital. We would like to congratulate Sian and say that we at school are very proud of her, as are her family and friends. Well done, Sian!

Our Volunteers, Families and Friends

We are extremely fortunate at Estfeld to have such good support from our pupils' families. Many parents and grandparents visit us regularly to help the pupils with their work. We do appreciate the time that they take to come into school. Thank you also to our librarians who help us to promote reading for pleasure and to make sure that our pupils access a good range of books throughout the year. We extend a special thank you to everybody who has helped in school this term and look forward to seeing you all in school again after the holiday.

Dates and Times

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| Wed 13 th Dec | 2.00pm | School Hall | Sleeping Beauty and Nativity (Reception and KS1) |
| Thurs 14 th Dec | 2.00pm | School Hall | Sleeping Beauty and Nativity (Reception and KS1) |
| Sun 17 th Dec | 4.00pm | St. Mary's Church | Carol Concert (school choir singing) |
| Tues 19 th Dec | 7.00pm | St. Mary's Church | KS2 Christmas Concert – Stable Story |
| Wed 20 th Dec | 1.00pm | School Hall | KS1 Christmas Party |
| Thurs 21 st Dec | 1.00pm | School Hall | KS2 Christmas Party |
| Fri 22 nd Dec | 9.30am | School Hall | Pantomime – Aladdin – all pupils |
| | 12.00pm | | Christmas Dinner |
| | 3.15pm | | School closes for the Christmas break |
| Tues 9 th Jan | 8.55am | | School opens for the Spring term |

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Although it may seem a little premature, the Christmas break will fly by - we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. Enjoy the break! School will open for the Spring term on Tuesday 9th January 2018 and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the new year ahead.

Merry Christmas and our best wishes for a Happy New Year

from Miss Risley and all of the staff at Tickhill Estfeld.

