

23rd November 2023

Christmas Events 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know about the upcoming Christmas festivities.

Christmas Light Switch on in Melton – Friday 1st December from 2.00pm

Some of the children from our Young Voices group will be singing in the marketplace from 2.00pm. Please come and see them in action!

This week we will also be going to **St. Mary's Church** to visit the Christmas tree festival where we will have set up our own Grove tree. This year, as we love classic stories, we are going for a Charles Dickens's 'Dickensian Christmas' theme!

Dates are yet to be confirmed but please let your class teacher know if you would like to be a parent helper on the day.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December

Children will wear their school uniform as normal but can also wear a Christmas jumper instead of their usual jumper, cardigan or fleece. Please bring in a contribution if you'd like to take part as all money raised will go to the Save the Children charity. We recommend £1 but are happy with any donation!

Pantomime Visit – Scrooge – Thursday 7th December

A letter has been sent out already. Please bring in your £3 contribution if you haven't already.

Christmas Story and Craft Session – Friday 8th December

From 9.00am – 10.30am, a Christmas story will be read in class and then we will be making craft items for the class' bazaar stall. Parents are invited to come and help – be prepared to be creative! Please arrive at the school office by 8.55am.

Santa Dash – Friday 8th December at 10.30am – parents invited!

We are organising our own Santa Dash to be held in school. The children and staff will be running around the field (weather permitting) dressed as Christmassy as possible! Please send the children in to school in festive accessories and their Christmas jumper. They must have school trousers/skirts on please. Please kindly send a donation, all donations will be going to the 'Age UK' charity. If you would like to join us you can come straight from the craft session or arrive at school for 10.25am.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performances

We are excited to invite our EYFS and KS1 parents to see our Nativity!

There are 2 performances (taking place in the school hall):

- **Tuesday 19th December** parents to be seated by 9.25am.
- **Tuesday 19th December** parents to be seated by 3.25pm.

Because of space, each child can only have 2 seats for family. Please send an email or DOJO message to the school office to let us know which performance you would like to attend. You can only attend one.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 20th December

Our delicious festive lunch will take place on **Wednesday 20th December**. To ensure that we have the right amount of food in the kitchen, please make sure you have pre- ordered a lunch on Weduc for your child before Wednesday 20th December. We will have Christmas music playing and crackers for all! Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers again with your uniform.

Christmas Bazaar - Wednesday 20th December at 9.15am – 11.15am

Please join us in the hall for Christmas festivities. There will be class stalls, toy stalls and a tombola and raffle. We will also have hot and cold drinks and cakes available for you to buy.

Each class will be making Christmas items to sell to children and families. They will have £20 to buy what they need and will aim to make as much profit as possible to buy new books for their classroom!

Each class will be singing a Christmas song. Timings are below. You are welcome to stay for them all.

9.15am - Reception

9.30am – Year 1

9.45am – Year 2

10.00am – Year 3

10.15am – Year 4

10.30am – Year 5

10.45am – Year 6

11.00am - Yong Voices Choir.

We hope to see you at as many events as possible.

Many thanks for your support.

The Grove Team