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Come to the Christmas Fair!!

The Christmas Fair is taking place next Friday from 5 - 7pm. All families and friends of the school are welcome.

Here are some of the attractions we can look forward to:

- ★ BBQ and Asian food stalls
- ★ Mulled wine and hot spiced apple drinks
- ★ Bottle and chocolate tombolas
- ★ Cuddly toy lucky dip
- ★ Hoop a jar of sweets
- ★ Face doodles and tattoos
- ★ Design a mug
- ★ Cake stall
- ★ Father Christmas grotto
- ★ Raffle

Both the choir and the pop singing group will be performing in the hall from 5.30pm.

The raffle will be drawn in the hall at 6.40pm.

If you can, please stay on to help clear away. Even better, if you can put a vacuum cleaner in your car to help clean the classrooms it would be much appreciated!

HMI visit

On Monday we will be visited by HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) to follow up from our recent inspection. The purpose of the visit is to evaluate how urgently and effectively the school are addressing the areas for improvement raised in the report.

The HMI (Mark Williams) will be linked with the school until its next inspection and will support us through the improvement process. On Monday he will meet with governors, the senior leadership team, the Local Authority and most importantly will be visiting classrooms and looking at progress in the children's workbooks. He will also meet with a group of pupils to talk to them.

A letter will be written to myself which will summarise the findings of the day. This will be published on the Ofsted website and we will also publish it on our own school website.

When I spoke to Mr Williams yesterday, he asked me to encourage parents to give their opinion of the school and the progress it's making through 'Parent View' which can be found on the Ofsted website.

HELP STILL NEEDED FOR THE FAIR

Please sign up to help for half an hour!! The stall rota can be found in the school entrance - please pop in and add your name. We have still got a lot of slots which need filling!!

Let's avoid having to reduce the number of stalls.

Mistake in last week's School News!

Last week I explained how the school would be taking part in Key 103's Mission Christmas Appeal. I asked for presents to be wrapped, but in fact they should come to school unwrapped!! Remember, presents should be brought to school on Monday 8th December.

Last Donation Day

Next Friday will be the last of our donation days for the fair - and it's a nice easy one!! Non-uniform can be worn and we would welcome any donations of chocolate and cakes. If it is easier, please bring cakes to the table in the reception area and we can transfer them straight into the hall. Chocolate can be taken with the children into their classroom.

Many thanks for your very generous donations so far!

Christmas Post

From next Tuesday (2nd Dec), for 2 weeks, we will be setting up the Christmas post box in the main corridor.

This has proved popular in the past and children will be able to post cards to their friends which will be delivered later in the day. It's a perfect opportunity for children to practise their writing!

Envelopes must be clearly named with the child's full name and class. If they can't be read, we will be unable to deliver them.

We look forward to seeing you all at the fair next Friday,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff



Buy a ticket to see Father Christmas at the fair!

In order to avoid excessive waiting times, we are selling tickets for children to visit Father Christmas in ADVANCE.

Tickets will be available from the school office from Tuesday next week at a cost of £2.

You will be given a half hour slot in which your child can visit Father Christmas in his grotto. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis and are likely to sell out. SO get there quickly to avoid disappointment!

Appointments

I would like to remind parents that medical and dentist appointments should be made outside school hours. We recognise that this may be difficult for some specialist appointments, but this should be in unusual circumstances. Too many children are being taken out of school - notably on a Friday afternoon. We will be following up any patterns with these absences and contacting parents directly.

