

25 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is a really magical time at The Solent Schools. Don't think for a minute that our learning stops, we simply use the awe and wonder that Christmas creates, to make our learning even more exciting!

As a little reminder please find below a list of the key events that will be taking place this year:

Christmas Cards

Children will be able to bring Christmas cards onto site from **Monday 2nd December until Wednesday 18th December**. Both schools will have special Christmas post boxes where pupils will be able to leave their cards. Teams of Year 2 and 6 postal workers will then sort the cards into classes.

Please remember to support your child in writing the recipient's name and class clearly on the front of the envelope. This way it will reach them safely. We kindly ask that chocolate or sweets are not included in the cards as they are often stored in warm places!

Christmas Carols – Wednesday 4th December

On Wednesday 4th December we will be hosting our annual Christmas Carol Service, which will be held on the Infant School playground from 5.30pm to 6.00pm. Gates to the playground will open at 5:00pm and, as it will be dark, please ensure that you bring a torch and keep your child within sight. Sadly, the Carol Service will be cancelled in the event of bad weather, a decision will be made by 3pm on the day.

The FSS will be running a Mince Pie and Mulled Wine stall from 5pm, so don't forget to bring any spare change as they will be asking for donations. Arrive early to beat the queues!

Year R Nativity Performances

The Year R Nativity Performances are on Thursday 12th December. Reception DB will perform at 10.50am – 11.20am, Reception L at 1.30pm – 2.00pm and Reception T 2.20pm – 2.50pm. Please see separate letter containing details of how to book your seats for this performance.

Infant Christmas Singing Assemblies

Pop in after you have dropped your child at school to experience singing assemblies at Solent Infant School. This is not a full performance, but more of an informal event with limited capacity. Therefore, we will need to limit the audience to one adult per family.

Year 1 – Monday 16th December 9.10am to 9.30am

Year 2 - Tuesday 17th December 9.10am to 9.30am



Year 3 Nativity Performances

Performances will take place on **Tuesday 17th December or Wednesday 18th December at 1:30pm**. Watch out for separate information being sent to Year 3 parents and carers only. This year group performance will be finely polished by this date as they are also performing to the rest of the school in their dress rehearsals.

Year 4 Carol Concert

The Year 4 Carol performance for parents and carers will take place on **Thursday 12th December and Friday 13th December at 2pm**. Watch out for further information being sent out shortly. This year group performance will be finely polished by this date as they are also performing to the rest of the school in their dress rehearsals.

Christmas Parties and Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be on **Thursday 19th December**. Our catering providers have put together a very tasty Christmas menu this year. The online ordering system is open now through the Arbor app. Details of this event were sent home in an email on 21st November. If your child is bringing a home packed lunch on this day, then think about a festive twist, for example, a mince pie, star shaped sandwich or maybe putting in a Christmas napkin. Everyone will be joining in the fun by eating together in the hall.

In the afternoon of the Christmas lunch, the children will have their class-based Christmas Party with dancing, games and activities. On this day, to get into the party mood, children can come into school wearing their party clothes. Please bear in mind that the weather may be cold and the children will still be going outside during playtimes and lunchtimes. We therefore politely request that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Christmas Non-School Uniform Days!

On Friday 6th December (Christmas Fayre day), the FSS are inviting all pupils to come to school in their **Christmas Jumper** over their normal school uniform. This is in exchange for either a cake donation for the cake stall or a prize for the tombola stall.

Thursday 19th December is our Christmas Lunch and Party Day with party clothes (as mentioned above).

We hope that you will be able to support us with these exciting events and help us to enter into the Christmas spirit!

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Executive Headteacher

