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Christmas Events



Dear Parent/Carer,

We thought it would be a good idea to send you a letter outlining all the Christmas events and some arrangements you will need to be aware of. Please see below for details and use the attachment as a handy poster for your fridge or noticeboard! This is of course dependent on school's Covid rates for the last few weeks but we are hoping that nothing thwarts all our planning.

Year 1 Christmas Nativity at Lower Redland Road – filming going on during the first few weeks in December

All Year 1 children have worked so hard in learning their lines and songs. Like last year, a digital version of their performance will be available for you to enjoy with all the family; details of how this can be watched will follow.

Year 5 Carol Concert at Bristol Cathedral - Monday 6th December

This is happening on the afternoon of Monday 6th. We require parent walkers but unfortunately, spectators are not permitted.

EYFS Nativity – Thursday 9th December

Early Years children will be filming their highly anticipated Nativity. Please come to school with your child dressed as per instructions handed out by your class teacher. Details of how to access the Nativity will be shared separately.

Year 3/4 Nativity – Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December

Details of class performances have been sent out on a separate email.

Festive Fun Day - Friday 10th December

A non-uniform day full of festive fun – children can come to school dressed in fun festive clothing – whatever their interpretation of this may be... anything goes as long as they're having fun! Their festive season will start with a bang, with Christmas crackers for every child. Children lucky enough to draw a cracker with a Golden Ticket inside will win a prize (2 winners on each site). Voluntary donations to PTA of £2 per child to be made via Parentmail.

Christmas Post – last day is Friday 10th December

We know that many children and staff will send Christmas cards to each other. In order to make this easier, less disruptive and more exciting, both sites will have a Christmas postbox for children to post their cards in, they will then be sorted and hand delivered to either site. Please make sure that a full name and class are written on the envelope. The last day to post a letter is on Friday 10th December.

An Afternoon of Christmas Cheer – Saturday 11th December, 3pm-4.30pm

Come and join us in the Worrall Road Playground for this year's COVID safe alternative to the Christmas fair. There will be a festive treasure trail with rewards and entry to a prize draw for the children. Tickets will be on sale for our annual Christmas raffle (top prize is Dyson hairdryer this year) with the raffle draw taking place at the end of the event. The PTA bar will open its stall once again serving mulled wine and other drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic), and of course mince pies will be on offer. The school choirs will be performing their Christmas repertoire and there will be a chance to join in with some sing-a-long carols to get everyone into the festive mood.

The Big PTA Raffle 2021 – last day is 13th December

In addition to St John's Christmas Raffle, we are taking part in the The Big PTA Raffle 2021 – a raffle for PTA's nationwide with each ticket being entered into 12 prize draws, with the chance to win up to £5,000 each time! Tickets cost £3 of which 50% comes straight to St John's PTA. If we manage to sell over 120 tickets, our PTA also gets entered into a prize draw with a chance to win £2,500!! Tickets can be bought here -

[St John's Primary PTA Clifton/Redland - Support - The Big PTA Christmas Raffle \(bigptaraffle.co.uk\)](http://bigptaraffle.co.uk)

until 13th December.

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Christmas Parties

All children will have some festive fun at their Christmas Party (see dates below) where they will come to school in their party gear, enjoy some party food and play lots of games . . . younger children may also have a special visitor! In Early Years – 2, your child will come home with a cardboard plate – please put on some party food (absolutely no nuts) that you know they will eat (they will have had lunch at school also), write your child's name on it, cover it with foil or cling film and bring it in on the day. From Years 3 – 6, please use a named food bag or Tupperware instead.

Monday 13th December - Early Years, Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 at their usual site

Tuesday 14th December - Years 3/4

Christmas Lunch

Please make sure you have booked/paid for your child's Christmas lunch by Friday 10th December.

Lower Redland Road – Tuesday 14th December

Worrall Road – Thursday 16th December

As a special treat, if you book a school lunch via Parentpay for Wednesday 8th December, your child enjoys a festive biscuit with their meal!

Cinderella at The Redgrave –Wednesday 15th December

Please remember to pay for your child's ticket and complete the consent form via Parentmail. There is a slightly later pick up time of 3.45pm on the day of the performance.

Christmas Jumper Day – Lower Redland Road – Wednesday 15th December and Worrall Road - Thursday 16th December

All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and bring in a £1 donation for Save the Children charity. In the morning, all the children will join in some festive fun with our Christmas Sing-a-long!

Christmas Carol Concert

Given the close proximity to Christmas and the Covid risk, we have decided not to hold our annual Carol Concert. As this is usually when Year 4 perform their nativity, Year 4 parents/carers will be informed about alternative viewing arrangements separately.

Christingle Service – Friday 17th December

Lower Redland Road – Morning Christingle Service, Children only

Worrall Road – Afternoon Christingle Service, Children only

We know it is a busy end of term and a slightly different one at that. Please print the attachment and stick it on your fridge or on your noticeboard so not to miss an event.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Yours sincerely

Justin Hoye
Headteacher



P.S. As you will no doubt be filling out your new diaries over the Christmas break, please make a note of our INSET days; Tuesday 4th January 2021, Friday 18th February 2022 and Monday 25th April.

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