

Christmas 2023 Events Newsletter

Monday 6 November 2023

School Photographer

As you will be aware each year, we arrange for a visit from the school photographer. On this occasion arrangements have been made for him to photograph each child, individually or in a group shot with siblings. Your child should arrive for school at the normal time and following registration children will have their photograph taken individually and with any siblings in school. You will have the opportunity to see a proof of the photographs taken and if you choose to order any the order and payment is made on-line directly with Tempest Photography.

Thursday 7 December 2023

Christmas Jumper Day

School will once again be hosting 'Christmas Jumper Day'. The children are invited to come into school wearing their Christmas Jumper, this may be shop bought or homemade. Your child should wear their normal school uniform but instead of their school jumper or cardigan wear their Christmas Jumper. Your child is asked to bring a donation of £1. All money raised will be donated to Wellspring.

Saturday 9 December 2023

Highfield Christmas Markets

Start Time – 11.00am – 6.00pm

St Matthews Cricket Club Hall – Next door to Highfield St Matthews Church

Tickets on the door – cash or contactless – Adults £2 and children Free

You are invited to the Highfield Christmas Markets. This is a fabulous event to bring the spirit of Christmas to you and your family. There will be food stalls, Christmas gift stalls and a stage with local choirs and bands. There will be a Christmas Nativity Walkthrough. You will be able to book tickets for this event via 'event bright'. Details of the booking process will be made available to you closer to the event.

KS1

Monday 11 December 2023

Breakfast with Santa

Arrival Time 8.00am

Church Hall

Tickets £5.00 – Payment to be made via Evolve.

This year Santa will be coming to have breakfast with us. This event will be based in the Church Hall. Your child should arrive in full school uniform and be taken directly to the Church Hall at 8.00am. The children will be able to sit at tables and select from a range of breakfast items, and we will sing some Christmas Carols. The children will have the opportunity to meet Santa. Following breakfast, the children will be taken back to class with a small gift from Santa.

KS2

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Breakfast with Santa

Arrival Time 8.00am

Church Hall

Tickets £5.00 – Payment to be made via Evolve.

This year Santa will be coming to have breakfast with us. This event will be based in the Church Hall. Your child should arrive in full school uniform and be taken directly to the Church Hall at 8.00am. The children will be able to sit at tables and select from a range of breakfast items, and we will sing some Christmas Carols. The children will have the opportunity to meet Santa. Following breakfast, the children will be taken back to class with a small gift from Santa.

Thursday 14 December 2023

Pantomime Performance

Sleeping Beauty

£2.50

School have once again arranged for a Performing Arts Team to produce a pantomime for the children to enjoy. The performance will take place in school during the school day and is entitled "Sleeping Beauty".

Many of our children in the past have enjoyed the experience of watching a live theatre company perform for them and we envisage that this year will be just as exciting.

This event has been deliberately planned to take place in school to lower costs, additionally school is subsidising the cost to an acceptable level. Consequently, because this is an enrichment activity rather than a curriculum activity the children of parents who choose not to pay will be provided with an alternative provision.

Sunday 17 December 2023

Torchlight Carol Service

St Paul's Church Hall

6.00pm

You are invited to our annual Torchlight Carol Service. This year it will take place outside St Paul's Church Hall and the school grounds. This is always a very popular service so if you have not been before, please do come along. We sing a variety of traditional carols and good fun is always had by all. This service always celebrates the true meaning of Christmas. Bring a torch and invite a friend.

Monday 18 December 2023

Afternoon Christmas Concert

1.45pm – 2.45pm

Tickets £2.50

Tickets available from the school office

Space is limited due to Health & Safety Restrictions

Following the huge success of this event school will once again host the Afternoon Christmas Concert. This concert is for family members who are unable to attend the School Advent Service in Church due to the limited seating space. A raffle will be offered at this event. Tickets are priced at £2.50 and are available from the school office but are limited due to the Health & Safety restrictions in place at school.

Tuesday 19 December 2023

School Advent Service

6.00pm

St James' Church - Poolstock

Tickets are free and will be sent home with your child.

Due to the Health & Safety legislation that the Fire Service have put in place at St James' Church the number of people allowed in at any one time is restricted. The Reception Class children will share the Nativity story with us. Tickets are issued free of charge for this event. Your child will bring them home from school. Please be aware that anyone without a ticket on the night will not be admitted to this event. Two tickets per family will be issued.

Wednesday 20 December 2023

Wellspring Christmas Party

Bring & Share Event

Wellspring will host the end of year Wellspring Christmas Party. There will be games for the children and a space for the adults to be together. Everyone comes together to share a meal. The meal for the Christmas party will be a bring and share. Please bring something for the table.

Friday 22 December 2023

8.40am – 8.50am

Front of School

Vicar on a Box

Once again Rev Mark Wade will be sharing a blessing for our school, children, families, and the local community at the front of school. This has become an end of term tradition for our school and is enjoyed by everyone who attends. This is a very informal event so just come as you are, everyone is invited, and all are welcome. There will once again be a free raffle prize to bless one of our families. Tickets will be given out at the front of school on Thursday 21 December 2023 between 8.40am – 8.50am. The winning ticket will be 'pulled' following the blessing on Friday 22 December 2023. If the winner of the ticket is not present to collect the raffle blessing further tickets will be 'pulled'. You've got to be in it to win and present to claim it.

Friday 22 December 2023

1.30pm

Whole School

Coverdale Puppets

This event has been organised in conjunction with St Paul's Church and is a Christian theatre performance. It will be held in the school hall during the afternoon. We would like to thank the Friends of St Paul's for funding this event in full. The children have always enjoyed this performance in the past and it is suitable for the whole school.

School Christmas Break

Friday 22 December 2023 at 3.15pm & 3.20pm – close

Tuesday 9 January 2024 8.40am – 8.50am – open

School will close at the normal time of 3.15pm for KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2 on Friday 22 December 2023 and will re-open on Tuesday 9 January 2024 8.40am - 8.50am. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

I would like to share with you

Philippians 4:9

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of Peace will be with you”

Yours sincerely

Mr A Rigby

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