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Friday 15th November 2019

November

Friday 22nd Christmas Boxes collected from school by Trussell Trust
Friday 29th Wyndham Park Infants' School Christmas Fayre (after school)

December

Thursday 5th School Disco (5.30 – 6.45 pm for Y3/4 and 7.00 – 8.15 pm Y5/6) £2 per child
Wednesday 11th MUFTI – In lieu of money we ask for donations to the Christmas hampers
Thursday 12th Carol Service 7.00 – 8.00 pm
Friday 13th Y3 Nativity 10.00 am in school hall – All Y3 parents are cordially invited
Christmas Jumper Day (swapped for sweatshirt/cardigan - uniform as normal) – no charge
FoSM Christmas Draw in school hall from 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Friday 20th End of Term Assembly
T2 Ends

January

Monday 6th TD (Training Day) #6
Tuesday 7th T3 starts – children in school
Friday 31st FoSM Quiz for parents – more details later

Children in Need

Many thanks to everyone for supporting our annual fund-raiser for the national charity Children in Need. This year's efforts raised £340.

Trussell Trust Christmas

This year we are again supporting the Trussell Trust Christmas boxes appeal for families in Bulgaria and Serbia. Rich Parsons came in the present to the children in assembly on Monday. More details can be found via: <https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/11573611.trussell-trust-launches-christmas-shoebbox-appeal/> or <https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/> Boxes will be collected on **Friday 22nd November 2019**. We fully appreciate that these are not cheap items to assemble. If parents wish we are more than happy to receive individual items that can be collected to make a box between several families.

Message from Norma

A Positive Parenting Workshop will be starting on Tuesday 19th November, 9.15 - 11.15am in The Training Room (on The Street opposite the Shop) and there are still spaces available. There are four weekly sessions on a Tuesday morning (19th & 26th November and 3rd & 10th December). It's fun, free and includes coffee and biscuits so why not join us? Please make sure you are able to attend all four sessions before reserving your place! If you are interested contact Norma, your Parent Support Adviser, as soon as possible via The Shop, n.hallett@st-marks.wilts.sch.uk or 07873 427658.

Important note re NUTS

Please remember we are a nut free school and this requirement is not just applicable to whole nuts but any foods/spreads containing nuts. We would ask you therefore not to make sandwiches with peanut butter or Nutella or any similar product. Your understanding and co-operation with this request is appreciated.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Mrs. Vicentini (a parent) is running a charity Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, for adults, in aid of The Starts Appeal at Salisbury District Hospital. The workshop will take place at 2.00 pm on Sunday 8th December at The Reading Room in Stratford-sub-Castle, Salisbury. No experience required! All information about the workshop; what to bring and how to book your place, can be found on the website humphreyscap.wixsite.com/wreathworkshop.

Carol Service

Due to unforeseen circumstances, namely the general election, we are unable to hold our carol service at St Francis' Church. We are not able to confirm the new venue yet but will do so as soon as we are able.

Coats

Please ensure that your child has a coat. We endeavour to be outside at break/lunch everyday despite the weather.

Parking

I am saddened to share the following email sent to the school from a local resident:

"I am writing to appeal to you to take some action to improve relations between your schools and your neighbours in the surrounding streets. It has become a daily battle between residents and parents of your schools during the school runs in which residents are being verbally abused and threatened on a daily basis by parents who are parking illegally on the roads where we live. Parents have no regard for whether they are blocking our driveways or parking illegally, and if their behaviour is brought up to them politely by residents it is met by abusive responses. Could you please send out a notice to parents that they should not park on double yellow lines, or obstruct resident's driveways, and if asked to move their cars because of the above, that they refrain from becoming abusive to the residents who are making the requests."

Parking in Drop-off Zone

Although there have been some marginal improvements in parents respecting the drop-off zone (i.e. not parking in it from 0830 – 0900) I have received reports of strained relationships and dismissive comments. Parents have sent me photos and registration numbers of cars where individuals have ignored the fair rule on the signs and when they have been challenged on their choices been quite confrontational. We expect parents to uphold and model good behaviour at all times whilst on site. We do this because we are part of a civilized society and we set examples to our children in everything we do. Consequences to our choices can be positive or they can be negative.