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Friday 6th December 2019

December

Sunday 8 th	Pre-School Christmas Bazaar 2.00 – 3.30 pm. Adults – free; Children £2.00 (craft activities)
Wednesday 11 th	MUFTI – In lieu of money we ask for donations to the Christmas hampers
Thursday 12 th	Carol Service 7.00 – 8.00 pm St. Mark's Church
Friday 13 th	Y3 Nativity 10.00 am in school hall – All Y3 parents are cordially invited Christmas Jumper day (free – no charge) instead of a school sweatshirt/cardigan FoSM Christmas Draw in school hall from 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas lunch for the children
Friday 20 th	End of Term Assembly T2 Ends

January

Monday 6 th	TD (Training Day) #6
Tuesday 7 th	T3 starts – children back to school after the holidays
Friday 31 st	FoSM Quiz for parents – more details in due course

- Access to the parents' planner for the academic year (SM Planner 2019-20) - please click [here](#)
- Check out the most up-to-date information on our website by clicking [here](#). We will be looking to tweak and upgrade our website in the new year
- Our vision and values information can be found [here](#)

Friends of St Mark's

Wednesday 11th December - MUFTI day

Your child can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for something for the Christmas draw hampers. We suggest that each year group brings something different so there is a lovely selection (below) but all donations are gratefully received. All hamper donation must be nut free.

Y3 luxury toiletries

Y4 luxury chocolates/biscuit/selection packs (please be vigilant with ingredients e.g. hazelnuts)

Y5 luxury food items

Y6 bottles

If any items slip through the net they will be passed onto the Trussell Trust. Thank you in anticipation.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Draw

We will have all the hampers ready in the hall for the draw after school. Come along for the live draw, see if you have won and choose your hamper. There will be refreshments available so please bring some pennies. Please get your tickets back early next week. Tickets are still available from the shop or the office if you need more or can be sent home with your child if you ask (through your class rep or email ptafoism@gmail.com). Please try and sell to friends, neighbours and family. They will also be available to buy at the draw. As we have children with some significant allergies we would be eternally grateful that any cake donations must be nut free and any gluten free/dairy free cakes have an ingredients list.

Carol Service

Please note that the Carol Service will now be held at **St Mark's Church** on **Thursday 12th December** at 7.00 pm. Many thanks for the wonderful folks there for our last minute switcheroo of venues. Please note that the toilets will not be accessible from inside the building. Any visitors would need to walk around the outside of the building as there is a letting in the annexe.

Christmas lunch

Tuesday 17th December – no need to pre-order, order on the day. £2.30

School Dinners

Please may we remind you that any dinner ordered in error, and not cancelled by 10.30 am that morning, **MUST** be paid for whether eaten or not. This also applies should your child become ill during the morning and have to go home.

School Disco

The first disco of the year was a great success. Many thanks to all the fantastic parents and committee members who stayed to help and make it a great night. Many thanks too to Steve Neville - our fantastic Mr Disco - you rock.

Reminders

- Children need a coat in school every day as they will be outside for break/lunch barring torrential rains
- PE/Games lessons with Mrs Herring (currently hockey) will always be outside barring flooding. Please make sure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing to keep warm, dry and free to run
- Please note there will be no Crossing Patrol on Bishopdown Road for the remainder of T2
- Chewing gum is not allowed in school under any circumstances

Parking

Request from Exeter House: please do not park in our staff car park; members of staff have been blocked in causing problems at the end of the school day when they need to collect their own children.

Christmas at St Mark's Church

Sunday 15th December - 10.30 am Morning Worship; 6.00 pm Carols by candlelight and refreshments

Sunday 22nd December – 10.30 am Family Communion; 4.00 pm Christingle

Tuesday 25th December - 10.30 am Family-friendly Service

Christmas Tree Festival

Don't forget St Thomas's Church are hosting the Christmas Tree Festival until Sunday. With the expert help of Mrs. Cheetham some of our children have worked out the scenes and created the Christmas story to view in their tree. Well worth a butchers.

Lost Property

Once again we have a huge amount of unclaimed and UNNAMED clothing. This is not just school uniform but hoodies, coats, hats, gloves, shoes, trainers, socks and water bottles. Any item with a legible name is returned to its owner so please ensure all uniform is named and if a pre-owned item that the new owner's name replaces the original name. Any items unclaimed at the end of the term will be placed in the charity bin.