



Advent Lantern Festival

The Advent Festival was so lovely last week. We are pleased everyone enjoyed it especially as we changed it slightly to create a more magical ending. One parent wrote in to say *"It felt really magical with the gentle bells, the tree lighting finale, and the beautiful time of being with our children in silence at the end - for me that transformed the feeling of the event from mere observation to loving connection and presence, and really made me savour the moment."*

After School Clubs

The last day for after school clubs this term will be Tuesday 11th December. In January all after-school clubs will finish at 4.30pm as numbers staying until 5pm are too low to be sustainable. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will write out over the holidays with information about which clubs will be held on each day once they are finalised with the teachers.

Friends Tea Towels for Christmas -

The School Tea Towels have been so popular they are virtually sold out. Nadine has managed to place another order so we will have some more coming in before the end of term. Please see Paula in the office to pre-order or place an order at the Winter Festival. They are £4.50 each or 3 for £10.

Parenting Girls Safely Through Their Teens

Kim McCabe, author of 'From Daughter to Woman' and founder/director of Rites for Girls, an organisation that offers guidance and mentoring for girls aged 10 upwards, will be talking on Monday 21st January 2019, 7pm at Priory School, Lewes. Tickets cost £3 and can be purchased from Eventbrite or from Sara Newton, (parent to Edie in Willows), who will also be launching a local Girls Journeying Together group in the Spring. Girls Journeying Together groups run for a year and offer girls in Years 6 and 7 the opportunity to share and explore what is happening as their body changes, moods fluctuate and relationships shift. You can contact her on sara@ritesforgirls.co.uk.

Pyjama Disco Party

The Friends Committee were pleased to make around £230 at the pyjama party. They would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the event and especially to Sonia Guinnesssey (Elwen's mum) who came along to tell the story at the end. It was great fun.

School Council

At the last School Council meeting the new group of children took over, Ella, Willa, Rosie, Oscar, Isabelle, Rufus, Elwen and Coralie. They discussed toys in school, playtime equipment and a friendship buddy system. They also talked about a reading buddy system for different ages to read together, a takeover day, and a school newspaper. The Friends have agreed to pay for a new set of swings for the Spring Term as well as some extra hula hoops. We are planning an after-school newspaper club. If any parents might be interested in working with a group of children to produce a termly newspaper we would love to hear from you.



School Christmas Dinner + Christmas Parties

We are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday. We are pleased to have found some eco-friendly Christmas crackers which also make a 7% donation to the charity Shelter.

Classes will be holding Christmas parties on Thursday afternoon. If you are asked to send in food please remember that whilst we do appreciate it is Christmas we would prefer not to have too much refined sugar on offer. Dried or fresh fruit etc is a welcome addition to the other contributions!

Reminders for last week of term

Piano Concert : This is now postponed due to illness. It will be rescheduled for January.

Nativity: This is an outdoor event from 3.00pm-4.00pm. There will be no Clubs or minibus running this afternoon. Parking will be very limited as we are using the playground in the show. We will move out some staff cars so please use the spaces up the drive and try to car share.

Last Day of Term (Thursday, 13th December): We will be finishing school at the normal time of 3.30pm. Please note that there will be no after school club, but the minibus will be running as normal.

Please take home PE kits, waterproofs and spare clothing etc for washing. It is always a good idea to send a carrier bag to school that day to collect up all loose belongings.

Friday 14th December

Inset Day

Monday 7th January

Inset Day

Tuesday 8th January

First Day of Spring Term

Winter Festival – Sunday 9th December 12.00-3.00pm

The time has come! This year's much anticipated Winter Festival is this Sunday and we are all very much looking forward to celebrating with you. Fingers crossed the rain stops!

The Festival will run from 12-3pm on 9th December. If you can come, it would be great to see you. If you have friends and family who would like to join you, please do bring them-the more the merrier! Tickets for the festival will be £5 for adults & £2 for children and will include a complimentary drink. Tickets can be purchased today from Paula in the Office or on the day when you arrive.

There will be hot food available, so why not come and have lunch with us. Henry & Libby Turner will be serving some delicious savoury delights. There will also be mulled drinks, teas & coffees and a variety of yummy cakes and sweet treats warming on the fire pit.

We will have a range of stalls including...

-Homemade goodies created by the children at Craft Club and parents too. Thank you to those of you who have already made contributions to this stall, we really appreciate it.

-Bric a Brac - books & toys. Thank you for the donations we have received so far, if you would like to bring some bits in, the boxes are by the school hall.

-If you would like to do some Christmas shopping, we will have Usborne Books, Neals Yard products, Art, Silver Jewellery, Crochet and Crafts stalls.

-We will have some games to play including 'Guess the Weight of the Winter Cake'. The winner with the closest guess will win the stunning cake which is being handmade by Dreamy Cakes. Helen & Alan Marriott will be running the games and will be sure to have a variety of fun activities for us all with prizes to be won.

Don't forget to make cakes to bring on the day.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE PARKING FOR THE WINTER FESTIVAL

Stall holders and people setting up – park in school spaces

Parents and visitors attending the Winter Festival and entry after 11.30am - Pilgrim Hall only



Timetable for w/c 10.12.18

Sunday:

Winter Festival – 12pm – 3pm

Monday:

School lunch: Spanish Omelette & salad

Tuesday:

School Christmas Lunch : Sausage, Mash, Vegetables & Gravy
Kinderplay 10.00-11.30am

Wednesday:

Nativity 3.00pm-4.00pm
(No Clubs or afternoon minibus)

Thursday:

Last day of term – 3.30pm (No Clubs)

Friday:

Inset Day