



Arbory School

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"A caring community of creative, confident learners."
"Co-phobble kenjal dy ynseydee chrootagh as yarrooagh."



Dear Parents

As we enter the last couple of weeks of what has been a very long term, the children are busy working hard on their Christmas plays and looking forward to the parties. They are also still managing to fit in their curriculum work and I am sure they will all be glad of the holiday when it arrives.

Please take time to look at the information below because, as usual, there are lots of events happening and we would hate you to miss any of them.

Christmas

Concerts

We must stick to a **ticket-only** admission because of fire regulations. There are still some tickets for all concerts **except** the **KS1 evening performance** so please get in touch with the office if you require extras.

Concert Parking

Both the visitor car park and the playground will be available for parking. Please do not park in the staff car park or block the entrance to it. Many thanks.

Parties

Please note the party food arrangements.

All children need to bring a selection of food on a **named plate** for themselves.

Plates should be taken to the hall on the morning of their party.

At the party, the children will be given their own plate of food. Drinks will be provided by school. All parties will be finished by 3.30pm

Party Dates

Classes R, 1 and 2	Monday 17th December
Classes 3 and 4	Wednesday 19th December
Classes 5 and 6	Tuesday 18th December

Carol Service

The carol service will be held on Friday 21st December at 2pm in the Parish Church. Parents are welcome to attend but please be aware that space is very limited.

Christmas Holidays

School Closes - Friday 21st December

School Opens - Monday 7th January

Christmas Post

The Post Box is now in the foyer and Reception will be in charge of sorting and delivering the mail. Please make sure that envelopes are clearly marked with the child's name, (and surname where necessary - we have lots of Holly's and Thomas's!) and the class number.

DVDs

Orders for Christmas Concert DVDs must be received by Mrs. Bell by Friday 14th December. The cost this year is £11 for the first copy and £9 for subsequent copies.

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Christmas Raffle

The draw will be held on Thursday evening. All prize winners will be notified by Friday 14th December if they are not at the Thursday concert. The money from ticket sales goes towards props, costumes, presents and Christmas parties.

Other News

School Dinners

Dinners Half term - £48.75 Whole term - £97.50

Milk and fruit - All money needs to be paid before 14th December.

Milk - Whole term - £9.50

Fruit - Whole term - £12.50

Poppies

Thank you all for supporting this appeal. The school managed to raise £79.86

Children in Need

The school council disco went well and was well supported by children, staff and parents. Well done to the School Council who raised £230. The dress down day and cake sale raised £300. We are very grateful to everyone who baked cakes and biscuits but would ask that cakes do not contain 'hidden' nuts or are decorated with peanut m&ms. I hope that you appreciate that this could cause a serious health risk to some of our children.

Jumble Sale

Many thanks to all those of you who gave up your time to help sort the jumble, work on the stalls and provide items for sale; not to mention all of you who came on the night. There was a great turn out and we managed to raise £482 for the minibus fund. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Snidal for all her efforts in organising the event.

Swimming

Children in Y3, Y5 and Y6 will be swimming next half term on Thursdays.

West Midland Theatre Company

The children all enjoyed a performance of 'The King of Copenhagen' which was based on a Danish folk tale. We hope to invite this company back to perform again next year.

King William's College Scholarships

Any parents of children in Y6 who are interested in applying for a Y7 Academic Scholarship, should contact the school office for more details.

Trips

I would like to thank all the parents who have helped on trips this year and also Mr. Snidal who is one of our main minibus drivers.

Pine Cones

The Knop family have kindly provided us with some pine cones to sell for use as decorations. These are available in the school foyer priced at 10p each or twelve for a £1.00.

Lastly, on behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and my best wishes for 2013. Nollick Ghennal as Yeeareeyn Share son y vlein 2013.