



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents – Friday Letters – Autumn 2 2023 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

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<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

Nativities, Nursery Sing a Long and KS2 Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Services and events this week. The children all did an amazing job at telling the Christmas story by recreating the events told in the Bible, singing songs, and spreading Christmas cheer. I am sorry I couldn't be there for KS1's Nativity, but I had the pleasure of seeing their dress rehearsal and my goodness, what confident bright young stars they all were. Amazing job everyone.

Party week coming up, so get those party clothes and dancing shoes ready! **IT'S CHRISTMAS!**

Attendance Party

Year 3 had a great time at their Attendance Party on Tuesday. A huge thank you to Mrs Conroy, and the Attendance Team, for organising such a super celebration. The League will start again after Christmas and is anyone's to win!

Christmas Fayre

Thank you again to all of you who attended our Christmas Fayre last week. We raised a fabulous **£1,062.30** and are all so grateful for your support; we look forward to the next Fayre.

Positive Vibes and Happy People

Our school is a safe place where relationships between staff, parents and visitors demonstrates a mutual respect and recognition of shared responsibility for pupils' welfare and educational progress, ensuring our children are challenged and have the best possible outcomes.

As parents and carers of pupils at The Drive, if you have any apprehensions or comments, please speak to a member of school staff, and avoid the use of social media, as this can be more detrimental, create discontent and will never be solution led. We are always ready to listen and help parents, carers, children, and staff, as the mental health of all our community is so important and should be positive and constructive. My door is always open and myself and the team are always here!

We appreciate your support with this and would also like to thank our parents and carers for their positive and kind comments made about The Drive in recent weeks and for those parents who have worked in partnership with school to find solutions. Together we are stronger!

One week to go and then we will be off for the Christmas break. Remember, we are here to help, just ask!

Yours sincerely,

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Dates for the Diary – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.

Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent.

PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY www.parentpay.com

All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>

Autumn Term 2023 – 7 week half term	
Monday 18 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 st December	LETTERS ISSUED FOR ALL THE HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS 01.12.23
	Polar Express Day – Reception ONLY Mrs Jackson has issued a flyer in relation to this.
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 th January	Staff INSET – Children not in school
Tuesday 9 th January	Return to school after Christmas



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