



Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is a really magical time at Solent Infant School. Don't think for a minute that our learning stops, we simply use the awe and wonder that Christmas creates to make our learning even more exciting!

You will have read the information about some of our Christmas events and activities in the weekly Newsletter and in specific year group correspondence so this will help you to have all of the information in one place:

Christmas Cards – from Thursday, 1st December

Children will be able to bring Christmas cards on site from Thursday, 1st December until Thursday, 15th December. Our special Christmas post-box will be outside my office during these dates and our Year 2 postal workers will sort the cards into classes. Therefore, please remember to write the child's name and class clearly on the front of the envelope. We ask that chocolate or sweets are not included in the cards as they are often stored in warm places.

Christmas Carols – Wednesday, 7th December

On Wednesday 7th December we will be hosting our annual Christmas Carol Service, which will be held on the Infant School playground from 5.30pm to 6pm. Gates to the playground will open at 5:10pm and, as it will be dark, please ensure that you bring a torch and keep your child within sight. Sadly, the Carol Service will be cancelled in the event of bad weather and a decision will be made by 3pm on the day.

Year R Nativity Performances – Friday, 9th December

If your child is in Year R, you will have received a letter and booking information for this year's Nativity performances. If you are hoping to attend your child's performance, you will need to have booked your seats via the link on the letter that was sent to you dated 11.11.2022. Timings for the performances are:

Rec G Octopus Class - 9.30 -10.10 am

Rec DE Turtle Class - 10.45 - 11.25 am

Rec T Starfish Class - 1.50 - 2.30 pm

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KS1 Christmas Singing Assemblies – Monday, 12th and Tuesday, 13th December

Singing Christmas songs is a great way to get into the festive spirit so we are opening our doors to you! If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2, you can join us for a special singing assembly. These are not rehearsed performances and space in the hall is limited. This is just a chance for you to join in with some singing and to start your day with a big dose of Christmas cheer. Please book your seat using the appropriate link below and be aware that booking will close at **5pm on Thursday, 8th December**:

Year 1 Christmas Singing Assembly is on Monday, 12th December at 9:10am: [CLICK HERE](#) to book a seat

Year 2 Christmas Singing Assembly is on Tuesday, 13th December at 9:10am: [CLICK HERE](#) to book a seat

If you will be joining us, please wait in the playground after school drop off. As we will be admitting you via the Link Room door shortly before assembly starts.

We look forward to seeing you there and you are more than welcome to wear festive head gear as you join in with the singing!

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party Day – Thursday, 15th December

The Christmas Lunch and the Christmas Party for all year groups will be on Thursday 15th December. On this day, to get into the party mood, children can come into school wearing their party clothes. Please bear in mind that the weather may be cold and the children will still be going outside during playtimes and lunchtimes. We therefore politely request that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather. In the morning, each class will be hand delivering Christmas Cards to our neighbours to spread some festive cheer. If you have completed the volunteer application process and would like to support with the card drop, please email the school office to be added to the timetable.

At lunchtime, if your child has a packed lunch, then think about a festive twist, for example, including a mince pie, star shaped sandwich or maybe putting in a Christmas napkin. If your child is having a school dinner, further details regarding the Christmas lunch menu choices will be communicated with parents and carers shortly. In the afternoon, after the Christmas lunch, the children will have lots of Christmas fun with dancing, games and activities in their class teams.

Christmas Non-School Uniform Days! – Thursday 8th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December

On Thursday 8th December, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day so your child can wear their Christmas Jumper or Christmas Sparkle top with their usual school bottoms for this day (Year R will need their joggers/ leggings as it is a PE day; Years 1 and 2 will need their usual skirt/ trousers).

Thursday 15th December is our Christmas Lunch and Party day (as mentioned above)

On Friday 16th December, we will be inviting all children and staff to come to school in non-school uniform. This could take a Christmas theme if you wish! Even a little bit of sparkle would be super! Please bear in mind that the weather may be cold and pupils will still be going outside during playtimes and lunchtimes, we therefore politely request that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

We hope that you will be able to support us with these exciting events and help us to enter into the Christmas spirit!

Mrs Curthoys
Head of School

