

What are the particular arrangements for special events at this time of year?

Infant Nativity Plays

Our infant nativity plays are on the 12th and 13th December at 2pm in the school hall. Due to limited space, the show is repeated on each day so please only attend **ONE** performance; it is unfair on others to ignore this request. When you arrive in the hall, you will see that some chairs are reserved for staff and governors. Please keep these chairs free. After the performance, the Parents' Association will kindly provide refreshments while you wait for your child to get changed into uniform again. We would really appreciate it if some junior parents could volunteer for this so that infant parents can concentrate on the performance, please contact your class rep if you can help. When the children are ready you will be asked to collect your child from the classroom, and you may also take any siblings from the juniors.

Junior Carol Service

On Tuesday 17th December our Junior Carol Service will take place at the Oratory Church. The service will start at 7pm, however, all children must arrive at St Joseph's hall at 6.40pm. The pupils must be clean and tidy in appearance, wearing full school uniform with white shirts and blazers. Duffle coats must be left with parents. At the end of the service, the children will process down the aisle, and wait with their teacher outside where you can collect them. Please let the teacher know that you are taking your child. This is a religious service, and **NO PHOTOGRAPHY IS ALLOWED**. Please ask your friends and relatives too, as unfortunately every year there are a handful of people who sadly do not respect this request and need to be reminded during the service. We would be grateful if some parents could volunteer to carry the heavy benches back to their original positions at the end of the service, please let your rep know if you can help.

Children's Day

Thursday 19th December is Children's Day. Pupils attend school wearing their own clothes (a Christmas jumper would be fun!) and enjoy lunch that the Parents' Association will very kindly provide. The infants will have an entertainer in the morning and the juniors have a disco in the afternoon. The children always have a wonderful day, as do the parents who very kindly organise the catering and decoration of the hall! If you are helping on the day, we ask that you do not bring extra food, as we need to monitor ingredients for children with allergies. We ask for a donation of £2 per child to cover the cost of the entertainment. Please give this to the class teacher on the day.



Parents' Association News

Dear Parents,

A very brief message this week as we're all gearing up for the end of term. Please keep an eye on Classlist for messages from me and your rep regarding arrangements for the Christmas party and gifts for various members of staff which the PA will buy on all our behalves. Your rep will no doubt have been in touch separately regarding your class present for your teacher and teaching assistant.

I've extended the auction for another week. Please have a look and consider bidding for something. The school is desperately short of money and every bit helps. The more the PA can pay for, the more the school has to invest in other areas.

While on the subject of fundraising, we have some fabulous Christmas trousers for sale! They are £10 each or £15 for two. Do see Classlist for more information and to purchase them, and I'll also be selling them at the Nativity. They're a fantastic way of Christmassing your children's wardrobe.

Best wishes
Alex



Year 5 Egyptian Extravaganza



Year 5 wowed us all last week with their superb assembly on Ancient Egypt- filled with storytelling, song and humour. We learned many fun facts about the land of the Pharaohs.

Year 5 told us about their exciting trip to see Tutankhamun's treasures at the Sasstchi gallery, doesn't it look amazing?

Scooters

We have many scooters in the playground which are never collected. Please take your child's scooter home at the end of term. Any scooters left will be donated to charity.

Parent Forum Minutes

Minutes of the meeting are available on the school website. Please take a look. Thank you to all of the class reps for bringing everyone's questions and queries to the group.