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Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher: Mrs R. Griffiths

As the countdown to Christmas is now approaching, we have outlined the important notices and diary dates to help you in the coming weeks.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas post box will be located in the hall each morning in December for children to post Christmas cards to friends or letters to Father Christmas. Please ensure a first name, surname and class are marked on the envelope for ease of delivery.

Christmas Lunch and Dress Christmassy

The traditional Christmas lunch at Rucstall Primary School has always been a special event for the children and this will be held on Wednesday 18th December 2024. The Christmas lunch will be served in the hall with the traditional Christmas decorations, singing, Christmas crackers and festive fun! Please book (forms) and pay for this on ParentMail by 29th November. The cost is £3.20.

Red option: Turkey breast with cocktail pork sausage
Green option: Vegetable Wellington with half a meat-free sausage

Both served with: roast potatoes, sage and onion stuffing, garden peas, carrot batons, brussel sprouts and gravy.

On this day children can dress Christmassy! This means non-uniform, but that must be Christmas themed! (jumpers, tinsel in the hair, Santa hat etc)

Christmas Carols

Children in Lime, Maple, Rowan and Willow will be performing a selection of Christmas songs at St Mary's Church on Goat Lane in Eastrop. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and watch this performance on Thursday 19th December at 10am (doors open at 9.50am). Due to the size of the venue, we are able to offer 4 tickets per child this year.

For all Key Stage performances we require parents to book tickets. This year, this can be done on Parentmail directly. We are asking for a minimum contribution of £2.50 per ticket. Money raised will support the additional experiences the children enjoy across the year, for which parents aren't



charged. There will also be donation buckets at our events this festive seasons, so please bring along any spare change you might have to support.

Parents will not require a 'paper ticket' to gain entry on the day as we will have Parentmail records.

Christmas Nativity: A Rucstall Nativity

Children in Ash, Fir and Hazel will be performing a traditional nativity. There are two showings; the first on Monday 16th December at 14:00pm and the second on Tuesday 17th December at 09:30am.

Due to the size of our hall, we can provide a maximum of 2 tickets per family (not per child). These can be booked for one performance, or split across each.

For all Key Stage performances we require parents to book tickets. A booking for the performance date can be made on Parentmail Forms – this is open now. Further to this, we are asking for a minimum contribution of £2.50 per ticket (also payable through Parentmail). Money raised will support the additional experiences the children enjoy across the year, for which parents aren't charged. There will also be donation buckets at our events this festive seasons, so please bring along any spare change you might have to support.

Parents will not require a 'paper ticket' to gain entry on the day as we will have Parentmail records to check those expected at the doors.

Christmas Pantomime

We are excited to once again welcome Chaplins Pantomime to our school! (Oh no we're not...oh, yes we are!) This will take place on the afternoon of Friday 20th December. A typical show is extremely expensive, however our PTFA have kindly subsidised the event which means we are only asking for a contribution of £3.50 per child. Please ensure this is paid on ParentMail by Monday 11th December. All children attend this and it is a wonderful whole school experience.

RockSteady Concert

The Christmas RockSteady Concert will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 2.30pm in the school hall. There is no need to book a ticket. Doors open at 2.25pm to allow all bands to have a private rehearsal before the concert begins.

Parent Showcase

Join us from 3.15pm onwards on Thursday 19th December to take a look at your child's work from the Autumn Term. There will be an opportunity to add



a special note for you to leave a message for your child which we will attach to their learning for them to re-read across the Spring Term.

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Please see details below of upcoming PTFA events and how to book in advance.

Rucstall Christmas Fayre

Friday 13th December
from 3.15pm

Raffle
1st Prize £100 Merlin Voucher
plus lots of Hampers to be won

Visit Santa's Creative Workshop
Create a Christmas Wreath
Make a Reindeer
Visit the Reindeer Food Station
meet Santa and receive a gift

Hot dogs
Hot drinks

Christmas Games

Year 3 and 4
Cake Sale

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PRE-BOOKING ONLY!

Visit Santa's Creative Workshop

Friday 13th December
from 3.15pm to 5.15pm

Start with Christmas crafts including:
make your own reindeer
create a Christmas wreath

Next mix up your own Reindeer Food

Then meet Santa and receive a gift

Finish with a walk through the festive forest and find Santa's Reindeers

Pre-book only!
£8.50 per child
Pre-book only!

Please Pre-Book by Wednesday 11th December using the QR Code stating your child/rens name

*Entry to the workshop maybe delayed at times to allow everyone to have enough time to enjoy the experience
**Entry only via Pre-Booking, we will be unable to take bookings on the day

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As part of the Christmas Fayre, there will be a Christmas Raffle and Year 3 and 4 will be hosting a cake sale.

Christmas Raffle

1st Prize £100 Merlin Voucher
Plus lots of hampers to be won!

£1 per ticket

Please use the QR code to buy your tickets
- enter the amount you would like to pay
(£1 = 1 Ticket, £5 = 5 tickets, £10 = 10 tickets)
- ensure you put your full name, your child's name and class name
* if this is not completed we will not be able to assign your name to a ticket and will not be entered into the draw
** Tickets can also be purchased by cash or card at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December

Draw 17.00 on Friday 13th December 2024

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Rucstall
Parent, Teacher and Friends' Association

£5.00
Raffle Tickets Xmas Fayre 2024 - £1 each
Please pay by Fri, 13 Dec 2024 at 17:00
Pay as guest
Your full name
So the business knows you paid
Note to merchant (optional)
Write a note here
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Non-School Uniform Days

There will be two non-school uniform days to support with the PTFA Christmas Fayre.



NON-UNIFORM DAY **FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

Children can wear non-uniform in exchange for a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) for the tombola at the Christmas Fayre.









NON-UNIFORM DAY THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Please help us create our rainbow prize hampers for
our Christmas Fayre Raffle

Please donate an item of food/drink/toiletries in your class
colour



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PTFA Tickets	Cost	QR Code / ParentMail
Santa's Creative Workshop	£8.50 (pre-booking required)	
Raffle Ticket	£1 per ticket Please enter the amount you wish to purchase. For example, if you wish to to buy 3, then enter £3.	 These can also be purchased at the Christmas Fayre, using card or cash.

If you would like to view the full events list in time order, please refer to the diary dates sent out weekly.

Kind regards,

Mr N Blake
Deputy Headteacher