



MR RAILSTON'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent of

We are fully in the run up to Christmas with productions, carols and PTFA Christmas markets! It's fantastic to see how the PTFA have pulled together, at times, with the Tiddlers team. Some of you may be asking why! Well... we are one school.

The Tiddlers came into the school age range in September and we are a 2-11yrs education provider. Previously, the Pre-School was a separate organisation but now we are one organisation. We therefore have to look at developing and supporting the whole age range of children across our setting. There will of course be times when the Tiddlers and the school follow their own paths BUT we will always be thinking of developing the whole age range.

Our Christmas productions are quickly selling out! We are limited in the number of seats we can offer as Fire and Safety regulations require we only have a certain number of people in the hall. We must legally adhere to these regulations. We also have to pay production costs for the licences to run the performances. This again is a legal obligation. So we ask for a small contribution for the tickets to help towards this.

We understand that Christmas is a pressured time for families and we are very grateful for your full support in giving the children the very best opportunities we can.

TUCK SHOP

The new initiative of running a Tuck Shop by our School Councillors has taken off in leaps and bounds. Charley Wyborn, Sam Young, Faith Broxholme and Lucy Woolmington accompanied by Mrs Muir & Mrs Lawson have been serving toast from the school hall at break time.



All the children seem to enjoy a warm snack mid morning. If this continues to be successful we will be introducing a variety of snacks in the New Year.

PTFA CHRISTMAS MARKETS

A BIG THANK YOU to our PTFA chair Mrs Sam Smallridge and all of the helpers who organised the KS1 and KS2 Christmas Markets this year.



This is a fantastic opportunity for all the children to buy a small gift for their families at a cost of £1.25 per present.



The event was a complete success and the children went away happy with their gifts wrapped and ready to put under their tree.

KS1 PERFORMANCE

Both KS1 performances were a great success. A Big thank you to all the staff, volunteers and of course our budding actors/actresses who performed beautifully.



**KS2 PERFORMANCES:
TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER
2015. TIMES HAVE NOW
BEEN CONFIRMED FOR
2.00PM & 6.00PM.**

We look forward to seeing you.

XMAS JUMPER COMPETITION

A unanimous decision has been made by our School Councillors to participate in the National Xmas Jumper Day on Friday 18th December 2015. Children may wear their bought Christmas jumpers or go wacky and design your own to enter the schools competition.



The Combe Martin Carnival Committee will be allocating a 1st prize from each class to all home designed Xmas jumpers.

A small donation of 50p please, all proceeds will be sent to the Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please Note: **Xmas Jumper Day will be in place of the Xmas hat competition.**



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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2016

If your child was born between 1st September 2011 – 31st August 2012 you will need to apply for a Primary School place at your chosen school. Even if you have given details to your Primary School you must still apply for a place through the Admissions Team at DCC. You can apply online at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

from the 15th November to 15th January 2016. If you have difficulties applying online please call 0345 155 1019 or email

primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk.

Failing the above please see Ms Brenda Read in the admin office for further advice.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

We will be holding a Whole School Carol Service on Thursday 17th December at St Peters ad Vincula Church @ 2.00pm.

This is an open invitation for all parents to attend the service.

The children will be leaving school @ 1.30pm. If any parents can

help accompany the children to the Church it would be very much appreciated, please let your child's class teacher know if this is possible.

Children may leave with their parents after the service. Please let the teacher know if you are taking your child.

All children not taken will be escorted back to school for the end of the day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 15th December – KS2 Xmas Production, 2pm in the School Hall.

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Thursday 17th December – Carol Service 2pm @ St Peter Ad Vincula Church.

Friday 18th December – Last day of Autumn Term and Christmas Dinner.

MESSY CHURCH

St. Peters Church will be holding a 'Messy Church' on the 12th December @ 9.30 in the village hall. This event is prior to Christingle day and you will be able to make your Christingles for the Nativity Service on Sunday 13th December @ 3.00pm.

Please join us.



CLUBS

Football and Gymnastics will start back w/c 11th January 2015 on the same evenings and same times. Language club will restart in February. Mr Hookes will be doing an Ocarina club (round shaped flutes) for years 3 and 4. The cost is £16.50 for the first half term, you get an Ocarina and a music book to keep. This club is on a Mon evening and starts on the 11th January. Rock pooling will again be taking place, we do have a waiting list and children will be taken from this first. If any further places become available we will let you all know via a flyer.

Please remember to come into school and fill in your club slips to enable me to compile registers and letters for you with dates and payment costs.

Many thanks – Mrs Willis

SWIMMING

First session for swimming next term will begin on **Thursday 7th January – Thursday 11th February**. Year 4 will accompany Year 2 for the first half-term of 6 weekly sessions.

A letter and payment slip will follow before end of term.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas Lunch will be taking place on the last day of the Autumn Term on Friday 18th December 2015.

You **DO NOT** have to pre-book your meal. Your child may order on the day @ £2.20.

Please note, there will be no other menu choices on this day, so please make alternative arrangements if you are not participating in the Christmas Lunch.



LOST PROPERTY

Kallum Mitchell: Lost School trousers

Patsy Pettifer: Lost a frozen hat with hair.

Harrison Pettifer: Football boots and shin pads missing.

The shin pads have a sentimental value as they belonged to his dad when he was a boy.

