



Christmas Fundraising

The staff and governors have kindly donated items to make up a stunning Christmas Hamper with a wealth of other prizes also available. Tickets are £1 each. Tickets can be purchased from the school office from 2nd December or at the school Nativity performances.

All the money raised will go into the school fund to support our curriculum activities, including our trips in the Summer term.



Christmas Parties

Each year group will be having their Christmas Party on separate days. These are:

Reception	Tuesday 17 th December
Year 1	Wednesday 18 th December
Year 2	Thursday 19 th December

Children can come to school in party clothes on their day, but please ensure your child is wearing clothing and footwear which are suitable for the school day including playtimes.

Please note: children will still need to follow their normal lunchtime arrangements i.e. school dinners, school packed lunch or bring a packed lunch. The school is only providing a snack for the party.

Christingle Shine Time

We are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers and families into school for our Christingle Shine Time on Friday 20th December at 9.00am.

Our Year Two children lead this special Shine Time with our spectacular 'Display of Light' as they carry the Christingles around the school hall.



Please note - whilst all parents/carers are welcome to attend only YEAR 2 children will be in the hall. EYFS & Y1 children will access this via Teams in the classroom.

Christmas Cards

The Year Group post boxes will be put out from 2nd December. If children would like to send each other Christmas cards, then they can 'post them' in the boxes and the Year 2 'Posties' will deliver them to the classrooms.

Please ensure names and class are written clearly on the envelopes. We often have to dispose of cards that are unidentifiable. **Please note we are unable to provide a class list of names.**

If any parents are available to come in first thing in the morning, once you have dropped your child off, from Wednesday 4th - Friday 20th December to sort the cards into classes your help would be much appreciated.

Please let Mrs Gardner in the school office know your availability.

Books & Gifts Sale

We have an abundance of brand-new books and gifts that have kindly been donated to our school.

We will be selling these, at reduced cost, on Monday 16th December, 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

Please pop in and grab yourselves some Christmas bargains.

All proceeds will go towards subsidising our curriculum activities, including the summer trips.

Term Dates

School Closes at 3.15pm on Friday 20th December for the Christmas Break.

Spring Term 2025

School opens: 8.45am, Tuesday 7th January 2025

We wish you a safe & happy holiday break.

Nativity Performances

There will be 3 separate performances of our Nativity. **Please ensure you attend on the day that your child's class is performing.**

Monday 9th December, 2.30pm

Y2 Attenborough Class

Y1 Cavell Class

Rec Rosen Class

Tuesday 10th December, 2:30pm

Y2 Armstrong Class

Y1 Nightingale Class

Rec Inkpen Class

Wednesday 11th December, 2:30pm

Y2 Hillary Class

Y1 Seacole Class

Rec Donaldson Class

We cannot accommodate ANY babies/pre-schoolers in the hall so please ensure you make alternative childcare arrangements. There will be a creche with limited spaces, which needs to be pre-booked, for anyone who cannot find childcare. Please contact the school office to reserve a space.



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Christmas Gifts & Foodbank Donations

We have been considering the current financial situation for families and the pressure we know some of you feel to buy your child's teacher/TA a gift. We would like to say that, whilst we are always grateful for your generosity, we would like to reduce your stress a little and ask that you do not buy us gifts this year.

If you would still like to give something, we politely ask that you donate to our local foodbank instead. They are currently running low on stocks of Jam, Soup, Cereal and Tea Bags.

If your child still wants to give us a gift, we would love and treasure a handmade card or a picture!

We hope this goes a small way in helping you this Christmas.

Foodbank

Dogsthorpe Infants is an agent for foodbank vouchers. If you are currently going through a difficult financial time and need a food parcel, please speak to Mrs Waters or Mrs Gardner. You can be assured that this will be kept confidential. E-Vouchers are now available so can be sent to you electronically. If you require a voucher please email Mrs Waters/Mrs Gardner on: office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk or click on the link on our school website www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk
The office email address will be check periodically over the holidays so please do ask if you are in need.

Cost of Living Crisis Support

Under the 'Parents' tab on our school website there is further information on financial support available to families along with some money saving ideas, including online food at reduced prices. If you know of any further websites/money saving tips or advice that may be of benefit to our families, please email the details to the address above and we will add to the list.