



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 4th December or at the school Nativity performances.

All the money raised will go into the school fund to support our curriculum activities, including our summer trips this year.



Christmas Parties

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

Reception	Friday 15 th December
Year 1	Monday 18 th December
Year 2	Tuesday 19 th December

Children can come to school in party clothes, 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 back into school for our Christingle Shine Time on Wednesday 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 4th 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 Monday 4th - Tuesday 19th December to sort the cards into classes your help would be much appreciated.

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

Don't Forget.....!

We share our news on the following platforms:-

School Website

www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk

Class Dojo

Don't forget to link up - any problems please talk to the office.

X (previously known as Twitter)

@Dogsthorpe_Edu

Term Dates

School Closes at 3.15pm on WEDNESDAY 20th DEC

PLEASE NOTE THIS DIFFERS FROM DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

Spring Term 2024

School Opens : 8.45am Monday 8th January 2024

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 11th December, 2.30pm

Y2 Attenborough Class

Y1 Nightingale Class

Rec Rosen Class

Tuesday 12th December, 2:30pm

Y2 Hillary Class

Y1 Cavell Class

Rec Donaldson Class

Wednesday 13th December, 2:30pm

Y2 Armstrong Class

Y1 Seacole Class

Rec Inkpen 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.



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 the Foodbank instead. They are currently running low on stocks of Tinned meat, Tinned Fish, Instant Mash, Tinned Fruit, Toilet Rolls, Jam, Pasta Sauces, Cereal, Tea Bags

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

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, Mrs Hibbert 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

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.