



Arbory School News



7th December 2018

Dates

Parties

Mon 17th
Year 3/4

Tues 18th
Key Stage One

Wednesday 19th
Year 5/6

Christmas Dinner
(jumper day)
Thursday 20th

Friday 21st
Nativity Service
2pm

School closes

Monday 7th
January
School opens

Dear Parents

As we get nearer to Christmas, there are a number of events that the children are involved in. Please take a moment to note down important dates.

Children in Need

Thank you to the School Council who organised this event and to everyone who dressed in bright clothes on the day. £270.30 was raised. Well done!

Poppy Appeal

This year was a special year with commemorative events taking place across the island. The children have worked on their WW1 projects and we have been fortunate to have had a number of visitors and educational visits. The array of artefacts and books connected to them have also been impressive. For the 100th year commemoration we managed to raise **£263.22** Thank you to everyone who gave a donation.

We still have some tea towels and shopping bags featuring the children's designs which are available from the school office.

The Year 5 children led a fabulous commemoration service at the church and it was a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives in the World Wars.

Visiting Groups

A visiting piano duo from Belgian visited the school in November and gave an interactive concert based on classical music, that had been written by famous composers, for fairy tales. Although this was not the kind of music the children listen to regularly, it encouraged them to listen and think. Some of the children are learning to play the piano and seeing and hearing the keyboard played so professionally has hopefully been especially inspiring for them.

We also had a visit from West Midland Theatre Company who performed 'An Arabian Adventure'.

Nearly New Sale and Children's Book Sale

Thanks to the Friends of the School for organising this event. A grand total of £363.80 was raised on the day.

A further £59.21 was raised at the Book Sale.

Choir

Well done to the choir who performed at the Civic Centre in Castletown last month and also on Monday at the Arbory Lights switch on. Thanks to Mrs Young and Mrs Kinley for leading them.

Scholastic Book Sale

The book fair was well attended again this term and Mrs Longshaw has told me that she sold a lot during the week. Thanks goes to her and all of you who supported the sale.

Christmas Plays - Reminder

11th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 6.30pm

12th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 10am and Y5/6 - 6.30pm

13th December Y5/6 - 6.30pm

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Dress Rehearsals

The dress rehearsals for both plays will be on Monday 10th December.

KS1 - 10am Y5/6 - 1.45pm.

Anyone who cannot get to the plays because of looking after younger children is welcome to come to the rehearsal which avoids the necessity of bringing pre-school children and toddlers to the main concerts. Please see Mrs. Bell for details.

DVDs

Both plays will be filmed and DVDs will be available to order. We must receive orders by Thursday 13th December.

DVDs are £12 but extra copies are £10. Cheques should be made to Arbory School or you can pay cash.

Nativity Service

Y3 will be leading our carol service and nativity on the last day of term. The children will return to school after the service and can be collected once they have collected their belongings.

Please leave space in church for the parents of Y3 children as this is their opportunity to see the children performing.

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to the Friends of Arbory who have organised a raffle of Christmas Hampers. Tickets are £1 each. Please write your name on a piece of paper and post it into the box. There will be a chance to do this at the Christmas Concerts and the winning tickets will be drawn in assembly on Friday 14th December.

Christmas Parties

These will be in the last week of term. KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2 will have separate parties and teachers will send out more information nearer the time..

Father Christmas will hopefully be visiting the school on Wednesday 19 December.

School Council

The School Council are organising entertainment for the Christmas Dinner on Thursday 20 December. They have asked that everyone wears Christmas clothes and/or jumpers on that day.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

School starts on Monday 7th January and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school ready for the new term.

Yours sincerely

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