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Arbory School News



Dates

9th December

Christmas Lights at the
Parish Hall
Father Christmas 6pm
School singing 6.45pm

12th December

Dress Rehearsals
10am **Y5/6**
and 2pm **KS1**

13th December

I'm gonna shine 2pm
KS1

14th December

I'm gonna shine 10am
KS1

15th December

Shakespeare Rocks 2pm
Y5/6

16th December

Shakespeare Rocks
10am **Y5/6**

16th December

Hot Chocolate and Film
1.30pm

21st December

Y3 Nativity
Arbory Church - 2pm

22nd December

School closes

8th December 2022

Dear Parents,

The Christmas build up has already started and this week, the children took part in the 3FM Carol Cup competition. Mrs Carr organised the school to sing 'In the Bleak Midwinter' with solos from Pheric and Lara. Please look out for it on the 3FM site and share the link with your friends and family.

Please also take time to note the dates down for upcoming events.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought poppies and other merchandise for the appeal this year. Altogether we raised **£307.12**.

Children in Need

The School Council, helped by Mrs Collister, did a fantastic job again and a big thank you to everyone who donated cakes and money. The school raised **£460.70**

Scholastic Book Fair

Mrs Longshaw and Miss Morris had a busy week and sold a large number of books. A percentage of the sales goes to the school and we will now be able to buy books from the Scholastic catalogue. Thank you!

Christmas Concert Tickets

These are going fast and will be available on Eventbrite until Friday 9th December. The Tuesday concert for KS1 is already sold out but there are a few tickets available on Wednesday 10th. There are still some tickets left for the Y5/6 concert.

Please can I ask that pre-school children, toddlers and babies are brought to the dress rehearsal on Monday 12th (Y5/6 10am and KS1 2pm) rather than the concert if possible.

If you have booked tickets that you can no longer use please let us know so that we can reallocate them.

Hot Chocolate Treat and Christmas Jumper Day

As in previous years, we will have a film with hot chocolate on Friday 16th December. Thank you to the Friends of Arbory who are organising this and raising money for the school funds. A donation of £1.00 per drink will be collected. Drinks for children with allergies and intolerances are also provided. It will also be a chance to wear Christmas jumpers for the day. Children in Y5 and Y6 can wear these after their concert.

Year 3 Nativity - Wednesday 21st December 2pm (room for Y3 parents only)

Due to the large number of children in school, we have limited room for adults at this event. There are no tickets but please come along to the church if you have children in Year 3.

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 21st December

Children who normally have a school dinner will have Christmas dinner on this day, if your child has packed lunch, they might like to bring a more festive lunch on that day. Unfortunately the kitchen cannot provide Christmas dinner for packed lunch children but there will be festive treats for everyone and the children will all sit together as usual.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please bring any donations for the raffle to the school office. All items appreciated, smaller items will be made into hampers. You can enter the raffle at the concerts at school, £1 per ticket. If you have children in Y3 and Y4, you are still able to take part. Please send in money to the office and Mrs Harrison will enter you into the draw which will take place on Friday 16th December in the afternoon. We will notify the winners. Good luck!

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Southern Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who supported the Food Bank as this continues to be relied on in the current climate. Items can be placed in the container by the front entrance. Non-perishable items are needed and a full list is displayed by the collection point.

Collection day is Tuesday and the last collection for 2022 will be Tuesday 21st December

Do you have any free time in the afternoon and early evening?

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture is currently recruiting relief cleaners for our Primary schools.

This is a great way to earn extra money whilst not being committed to regular hours and you will be providing an essential service to our schools.

Details can be found at the following:

<https://www.jobtrain.co.uk/iomgovjobs/vacancies.aspx>

For more information you can call Angela Tongue on 254149 or email angela.tongue3@gov.im

Yours sincerely,

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