



**PRAE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Everyone Valued, Everyone Learning*

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Save the dates - in the run up to Christmas**

This half term is always an extremely busy one in the run to Christmas with various themed weeks and days, as well as our annual PWSA Christmas Fair, and the usual Nativity plays and carol concerts. All of these dates, along with others specific to your child's class, can be found on the list of key dates attached to the curriculum letter that has been sent home today. However, I thought it might be useful for those families new to the school or those of you new to a particular keystage to have a little more information than just the name of the event with the date and time. Please see the events listed in chronological order for you below and further information and details for some events will follow in due course.

**National Anti-Bullying Week - 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November**

See separate letter from Mrs Lockwood

Monday - Odd Socks Day

Wednesday - Well-being Wednesday

Thursday - Evening Workshops for parents 6.15pm (see separate letter from Mrs Lockwood)

Friday - Friendship Friday & **Children in Need**

**Children in Need 2018 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Non-uniform - wear something spotty

Please bring £1 to support the Children in Need charity

**Occasional Day - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

School closed today

**Year 5 & Year 6 Choir to attend SAPSMA Carol Service at St. Albans Cathedral - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00-11.00am**

Parents of children in the choir are welcome to attend but space is limited and viewing is restricted

**PWSA Christmas Fair - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00-5.00pm**

**Foundation Stage Nativity Performances - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 5.00pm**

Nursery and Reception children are involved in this and all children participate in both performances.

A detailed letter regarding costumes and how to book your tickets will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Carol Concerts (in the school hall)**

Parents/carers are invited to join us to enjoy Christmas Carols and instrumental performances. Please see the relevant dates for your child's / children's performance(s) below:

**Keystage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2) – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm**

**Upper Keystage 2 (Year 5 & Year 6) – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am**

**Lower Keystage 2 (Year 3 & Year 4) – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm**

We appreciate that some of you may have children performing in two if not all three of the performances and therefore may struggle to attend them all but I am afraid that due to the hall capacity restriction we are unable to hold less than three concerts. This this year we have decided to organise the concerts by year group and keystone so that they children are able to learn the songs during their music lessons and weekly singing assemblies, otherwise it does become very complicated at uses valuable learning time.

### **St. Michaels Christmas Service – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30** – Oak, Pine, Chestnut, Larch, Blackthorn, Mangrove and Banyan

**10.30** – Sycamore, Beech, Elm, Hawthorn, Acacia, Spruce, Cedar

We will need a number of parent helpers to walk with us down to St. Michaels through the park and then back through the park to school and will ask for help nearer the time.

### **Christmas Lunch – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

All children and staff join in our Christmas Lunch on our return to school from St. Michaels. If your child normally has a school dinner they will automatically be included in our number for this. If your child normally brings a packed lunch, but would like to have a Christmas Lunch on this day you will be able to make their choice and pay on School Gateway. We will send information nearer the time.

### **School Pantomime Show for children only – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

All the children, including nursery, will watch a performance during the morning at school.

### **Last day of term – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm**

Please note there will be no RASCals after school childcare club on this day. All children will need to be collected at 1.30pm.

We do always try to plan as far in advance as possible in order to give parents enough notice to take time off work if necessary or to juggle other commitments, and we do try very hard not to change these dates once they have been published. So please do use this letter as a guide to what will be happening in school for the children over the next half term and we look forward to seeing you at the events to which you are invited.

If you have any questions please do ask the school office.

Kind regards,

Jenny Sheppard  
Headteacher