

Christmas Dates

We are very proud of the events we offer as a school and truly believe in the magic of Christmas for our children at Dane Royd. However, we recognise this is also a very busy time for our families, so please find below some of the key dates for your diaries to allow you time to organise your own calendars.

Christmas Productions

PRODUCTION WEEK			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday 9 th		KS1	
Tuesday 10 th	KS1	UFS & PM Nursery	
Wednesday 11 th	UFS & AM Nursery	LKS2	LKS2
Thursday 12 th		UKS2	UKS2
Friday 13 th			

- All performances are ticketed events to allow us to plan numbers for health and safety purposes. We are able to offer families a total number of 4 tickets per child. Further information for specific year groups will be sent in the coming weeks.
- The PFTA will be selling drinks and snacks prior to the performances. Raffle tickets will also be on sale with all funds raised being used to purchase future costumes and props.
- Morning performance begin at 9.15am
- Afternoon performance begin at 2:15pm
- Evening performance begin at 6.15pm (children need to be back at school for the evening performance at 6pm)

Christmas Parties

Monday 16 th December - UFS	Upper Foundation Stage
Tuesday 17 th December	KS1 and Nursery
Wednesday 18 th December	Lower Key Stage 2
Thursday 19 th December	Upper Key Stage 2

On their party day, children should come to school dressed in their party clothes. We do ask for sensible shoes however, as children will still be outside at playtimes and lunchtime.

School provides sandwiches and juice for the party. To supplement the party, we do ask for donations from our families wherever possible. Please see below suggestions of what you may like to provide:

- Sausage rolls/cocktail sausages
- Vegetable snacks (cucumber, tomatoes, carrots)
- Fruit
- Crisps
- Biscuits
- Buns



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Friday 13th December is our Christmas jumper and dinner day. Children still need to wear school trousers/ skirts and school shoes. If your child usually has packed lunches, but you would like them to have the Christmas dinner, simply log into your ParentPay account.

Children in Upper Foundation Stage will still come in their PE kit, but will wear their Christmas jumper instead of their PE hoodie/sweatshirt.



Purple Mash Christmas Card Competition

Mr Lee is running a Christmas card competition in conjunction with our Computing scheme, Purple Mash. It is split into aged categories with some fantastic prizes up for grabs for the winners; including having your winning design made into a Christmas card!

Children can simply log on to their Purple Mash account at home and use the 2Paint a picture tool to design their card.

See the attached handout for further information. Any entries need to be submitted by Friday 22nd November.

Mr Lee will share a 'how to' video for parents to support at home. Keep an eye out on your child's twitter page for the link.

Christmas Collection

Thank you to those families who have already donated. I know how grateful The Clothing Bank will be. If you are able to help, please remember the deadline is **Thursday 28th November**. Thank you for your support.



New pyjamas or outfits to help local families at Christmas.

Musical Christmas

We love all of the music events which happen during December. It certainly puts you in the festive mood!

Camphill Christmas event

On Sunday 1st December, the school choir will sing festive songs at the Camphill Christmas event. ((Children to arrive for 10.45am and will sing at 11am-11.30am.)

Carols at Church

We have the opportunity every year to walk to St James' church to sing our Christmas carols. Reverend Kevin gives a talk about advent and the meaning of Christmas and the children always thoroughly enjoy the experience of singing in Church. Parent are welcome to meet us at Church and join in with some festive singing.

- Tuesday 3rd December - Carols at Church (Years 1, 3 and 5)
- Thursday 5th December - Carols at Church (Years 2, 4 & 6)

Pantomime - Snow White

On Wednesday 4th December children will have the pleasure of watching a pantomime by M and M Productions. Part of the PFTA fundraising across the year goes to this. Children always enjoy this tradition in school.

Hall Green Christmas lights switch on

On Friday 6th December, children in the choir will be invited to sing at the switching on the Hall Green Christmas lights. (Children to arrive for 5.15pm and will sing at 5.30pm-6pm.)