

December 2023

Christmas events

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share with you some of our Christmas events that will be taking place this month.

'Winter Wonderland' at Apple Tree yard – Saturday 2nd December 2023, 12-2pm and 3-7pm

This year we are holding our second 'Winter Wonderland' at Apple Tree Yard, at the Loose site. Within the 1hr time slot booked, take a festive walk through our yard and meet and feed the animals (including a visiting nativity animal!), take part in our eye spy and craft activities and browse some seasonal stalls before meeting Santa in his grotto and grabbing a refreshing drink or bite to eat. Unfortunately, due to the size of the yard, we are unable to offer any further tickets for this date and admission will be restricted to those with pre-booked tickets only.

Further information will be sent out in the new year regarding upcoming events in the yard.

Winter performance/Class celebrations (primary classes only) – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December 2023

To ensure that all pupils can access a Christmas celebration that is appropriate to their needs, classes will take part in an activity considered by their learning approach leads. In place of a traditional Nativity Performance, some classes will be taking part in their Winter Performance/class celebration on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December. Our Sensory Learning Approach celebrations will be on the 8th December. Teachers will be in contact to inform you of when your child's celebration will take place and how you can be involved in this. If you have any questions, please contact them directly.

Christmas jumper day – Friday 8th December 2023

This year we are holding a Christmas jumper day, on Friday 8th December 2023. Pupils are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to raise awareness of the fantastic work of the charity 'Save the Children'. As the 8th is to raise awareness only, no donation is required.

Winter fair – Monday 11th December 2023 (Snodland) and Tuesday 12th December (Loose)

Our Winter Fair will be held in the main school hall (Loose site) on Tuesday 12th December between 10am to 11.30am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm and our pupils from Turtle class will also be attending. Parents/Carers and families are invited to attend and there will be an opportunity for you to

buy items made by pupils which will be displayed and sold on stalls. Class teams will inform Parents and Carers whether they should attend in the morning or afternoon. Please confirm with your class team if necessary.

This year we will be holding a Winter Fair at Snodland which will take place on Monday 11th December between 10.30am-12.00pm. Whole class will also be joining this fair. Further information will be sent out shortly

'Elfridges' – Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December

TEAM will be running their 'Elfridges' Christmas shop on Wednesday 13th December at Snodland and Loose (and an additional date of Monday 11th at Loose only). Palace Wood's will be on Tuesday 11th. Further information will be sent out shortly.

Christmas dinner – Wednesday 13th December 2023

On Wednesday 13th December, a Christmas dinner will be served to those pupils who have booked in advance by return of the booking slip by Wednesday 6th December and can be paid for via Arbor or with cash.

Class Christmas parties, Father Christmas and Christmas clothes day – Thursday 14th December 2023

Pupils will have a Christmas party in their class on Thursday 14th December. These will be organised by each class team. These parties are for pupils and staff only. Father Christmas will be visiting the Loose site and pupils from Palace Wood will be invited to come and see him. Pupils are invited to wear Christmas clothes on this day, should they wish to do so.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our festive events!

Yours faithfully,



Peggy Murphy

Principal