



Newsletter December

December

- Fri 5th Parents' Forum
- Tues 9th KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
- Wed 10th KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
- Tues 16th Whole School trip to the panto
- Wed 17th Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day
- Thurs 18th Christmas parties pm
- Fri 19th No praise assembly am
- Fri 19th Carols around the tree at St John's Church 1.30pm
- Fri 19th School Closes

January 2015

- **Mon 5th School opens 8.55am**
- Mon 12th Class 3 swimming
- Thurs 15th YR 2015 Closing date.

Please remember

- to have indoor & outdoor PE kits in school
- to have long hair tied up at all times
- not to wear ear rings for swimming or PE
- to fill your child's water bottle with water – no juice please

The school office is open from 8.30am to 12.15pm and from 12.45pm to 3.30pm. Please leave a message outside of these times.

Please remember not to send your child with a packed lunch if you have ordered a **Christmas Lunch** on Wednesday 17th December. The meal costs £2.10 for junior pupils, please pay at the office if you haven't already done so.



Parents' Forum

The Parents' Forum is a chance to have an informal chat with the Headteacher and Governors about the school's future plans. The next forum will be held after praise assembly on **Friday 5th December**. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

Panto

The whole school will be visiting the Victoria Theatre in Halifax on Tuesday 16th December. Please return the pink permission slip with £11 contribution as soon as possible and remember to arrive at school by 8.30am.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity play

Ticket request letters have been sent home. Tickets go very fast – please fill in your request (**max 3 tickets in total**) and return to school to avoid disappointment! Tickets have been distributed - extra tickets will be available from the office on Thursday 4th December.

KS2 Cooking

A quick reminder that Year 3 pupils will be cooking for 2 weeks on 5th & 12th December. **All pupils will need to bring £1.50, an apron, a tea towel and an oven proof container.**

Carols around the tree

This year our carols around the tree will be at **St John's Church Rishworth**, starting at **1.30pm**. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend. We will be walking the children back to St John's School after the service and all children must be collected from school as normal at the end of the day.

Reception intake 2015

If you are aware of any siblings or children due to start school in September 2015, please ensure their application is either sent to Calderdale, given to the School office or submitted on-line by 15th January 2015.

A fabulous, well attended evening was had by all at the Advent Fayre on Friday 28th November. A massive "thank you" from Donna Rhodes, Chair of the PTA, to all members, teachers and parents for their huge support. Profit from the night is expected to be approx **£650.**

Special thanks to Santa for coming to visit our school!

Thanks also for raising £130 for Children in Need from the bun sale.

Lost Key

A gold Yale type front door key has been found on Godly Lane. Please come to the school office if you think it may belong to you.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Wednesday 17th December**, pupils are invited to come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper and donate £1 towards Save the Children.

Christmas Parties – are taking place on the afternoon of **Thursday 18th December**. Children can wear party clothes on the day; but please remember that it will be lessons as usual in the morning and that the children will need to be warm, with sensible shoes, when they go out to play.

Little Squigglers is a new art, craft and messy play class for children aged under 5. Run by a qualified primary school teacher sessions include the chance for free play at various messy play stations, structured art and craft activities and a snack/drink and story. Classes will launch with a **FREE** trial at Church View Office Centre, Ripponden on 17th December at 11am, booking is essential. For more information or to book contact Nikki on 07551 892220 or nikki@littlesquigglers.co.uk.

Bad Weather and texting

With the winter approaching it is vital that all mobile contact numbers are up to date as we will use the texting service to notify parents of any closure.

Bad weather can disrupt traffic and cause school closure, however the school will only close if there is insufficient staff to supervise the children safely.

Can parents/carers please visit the school and Calderdale's websites; www.stjohnsrishworth.org.uk OR www.calderdale.gov.uk/emergency_schoolclosures and listen to BBC Radio Leeds 92.4 fm / 774 am and The Pulse 102.5fm where up to date information will be found.