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Wednesday 1 December 2021

Reminder of Important Dates before Christmas!

Dear Parents and Carers

The Christmas season is soon upon us and I thought it would be a good idea to keep you up to date with arrangements for all of our exciting Christmas related events.

Christmas and nativity plays are one of our most cherished school traditions. Nativities and other festive events can currently go ahead but it is a matter for schools to decide how they wish to host them. Please see the information below about our school nativity this year.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE

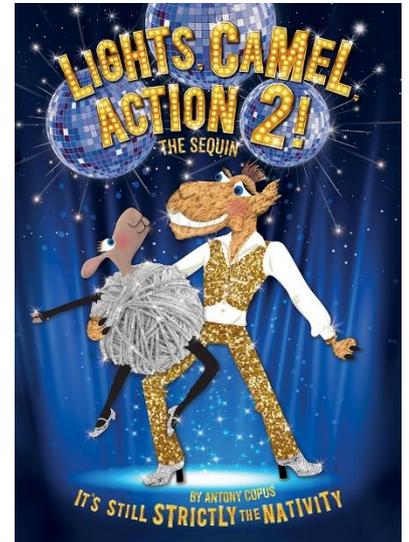
The School Nativity - 'Lights, Camel, Action 2 – The Sequin' – Calver Village Hall – Thursday 16 December 2021: 2pm and 5pm

We have been told that we are unable to use All Saints Church due to ongoing building work and we have had to change from our original dates to be able to use the Village Hall. However, the show must go on!

However, due to Covid measures, we are only able to invite parents of those in Reception and Key Stage 1 and we are only able to invite two adults per family per performance. Unfortunately, we are not able to invite the parents of KS2 children this year. We have decided to prioritise the Reception and Key Stage 1 parents as it is these children who have principal roles.

Parents can reserve their free tickets on ParentPay.

For the evening performance, please ensure that children from class 1 are back at the Village Hall for 4.30pm to get changed. KS2 children can arrive for 4.50pm at the Village Hall. Please ensure all children are collected at the end of each performance. The performance lasts approximately 45 minutes.



There are a few things that we will put in place to ensure the setting is as safe as possible:

- Keeping the doors and windows open to allow good air flow. Please note that you might want to wear a few layers!
- We ask that attending adults wear a mask whilst inside the Village Hall.
- Seating can be suitably spaced apart.
- The DfE recommends that attendees should take a rapid lateral flow test before attending. You can order tests online or visit a pharmacy. If your test is positive you should isolate immediately and get a PCR test.
- Please do not attend if you have tested positive for Covid 19 or have symptoms.

If school has particularly high levels of COVID-19, local Directors of Public Health may suggest that they don't hold gatherings, to reduce transmission. Please be aware the arrangements could change nearer the time.

Year 1 and 2 visit to Chatsworth – Wednesday 1 December 2021 – 9:00am

Earlier this term, Children in Class 1 wrote letters to the Duke and Duchess at Chatsworth. In response to the letters, the children in Class 1 have been invited to Chatsworth to take part in a very exciting opportunity - to make reindeer truffles and Channel 4 will be there to film the children taking part in this activity for their documentary 'Christmas at Chatsworth'. Parents of these children will have received further information about this visit.



Decoration Day – Wednesday 1 December 2021

We started a new festive Curbar tradition last year whereby the children spend part of the day making decorations for their own classroom. Children just need to come in armed with plenty of Christmas spirit and festive fun. Class 1 will complete their decorations when they return from Chatsworth.

'Beauty and the Beast' at the Pomegranate Theatre, Chesterfield - Thursday 9 December 2021: 12:45 – 4:30pm

It's the annual visit to the Panto in Chesterfield (oh no it isn't!) to see Beauty and the Beast. Traffic permitting, we should be back at school where the children can be collected at approximately 4.30pm.



**Save the
Children**
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10 December 2021

We are celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10 December so dig out the Christmas knits and support 'Save the Children' by wearing a tasteful (tasteless!?) Christmas jumper. If you don't own a festive knit simply grab a plain jumper from your wardrobe and create your own crafty cracker using tinsel, baubles and homemade snowflakes. Donations of £1 or more are welcome.

Christmas Dinner – Friday 17 December 2021

Children can enjoy Mrs Wilson's classic Christmas dinner. [Add info.](#)

Tis the season to be jolly...Citizen of the term award – Friday 17 December 2021

Our final award assembly of the year is the *Citizen of the Term* award which will take place on Friday 17 December at 9.10am. Each class will be voting for children in each year group who they think have shown the attributes of a good Curbar citizen. You will be notified by text if your child is a recipient of this award.

PTFA Christmas Disco - Friday 17 December at Calver Village Hall: 6- 8pm

All are welcome to the annual PTFA Christmas Disco for the children. Please see the flyer sent home via email for further information. Please complete the slip on the letter and return to the school office by **Monday 6th December** so Father Christmas knows how many children (and adults) will be attending. Please do not send money. Pay on the day and note, it is NOT AT SCHOOL.



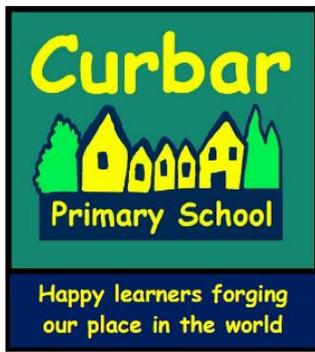
The PTFA are looking for volunteers to help:

Chocolate Tombola: We would be very grateful of any donations for the Chocolate tombola, which will be available to the children on night. Any donations can be left in the box in the staff room. If anyone can help run the tombola please get in touch it's a god job for two to have a chat and we'll keep you topped up with mince pies!!

Christmas Decorations: We are looking for decorations to spruce up the hall so if you have any going spare we can borrow for the night please get in touch.

Treats for the Parents: We will have some mince pies on hand but additional donations of goodies to be dished out to the parents (baked or bought) are always appreciated. Please leave any donations in the staff room so we know how many more we may need to buy.

On the Night? If you can help on the night either with making tea and coffee, taking entrance fees and, importantly, helping to clear up when it's over. Please let Jenny Lloyd or a member of the PTFA know.



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Party Day – Tuesday 21 December 2021

Children can come to school in their party clothes on the last day (note of caution: it could be a bit mucky on the yard at break and lunchtime!).

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan