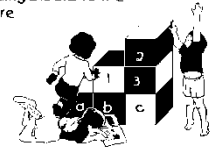




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Christmas Newsletter



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Christmas Newsletter 1 - 10th November 2017

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****SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 2:00PM ON THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER ****

Welcome to our first Christmas Newsletter of 2017.

Paper copies of our first Christmas Newsletter will be sent out but please check the Website and Facebook pages for future ones. We will try to give you as much notice of items but if you have any suggestions please email them to Mrs Felton at eileen.felton@knowsley.gov.uk

Christmas Fair - Friday 24th November, 5:00-7:00pm.

Christmas

If you have any questions or suggestions for our fair please speak to Miss Roberts, Mrs Jones, Mrs Allison, Mrs Felton or Mrs Clark.

If you have any left-over party bag favours, unwanted Halloween treats or anything else that we could use for children's prizes we would be most grateful. A huge thank you for all those already sent in.

Raffle Tickets - We will be selling raffle tickets on the night of the fair. However if you know you are unable to come along to the fair we are now selling raffle tickets from the school office if you would like to purchase any. Tickets cost £1 per strip.

Christmas Cracker Competition - as usual we are having our ever popular Christmas Cracker Competition with a prize for the winner of the most outstanding cracker from each class. The children make a cracker at home, and fill it with a small gift worth £1 and we sell the crackers at the fair - often back to the children who made them! We want these to be the children's work so please try not to give any practical help. The crackers can be brought in as soon as they are ready. This is extremely popular with the children and we look forward to seeing all the different designs and shapes as we have had in the past. The class that sends in the most crackers will receive a class treat.

Non Uniform Days - Thank you for all the fabulous tombola donations we received today. Please remember if your child wishes to take part but forgets its non uniform day, I recommend parents let

the children come into school and wherever possible parents/carers go and bring the uniform back and the children can get changed here in school. This way they will not receive a late mark.

The next non-uniform day 'fines' will be as follows:

Friday 17th November bottles- these can be anything from lemonade to ketchup to shampoo to Champagne (!) but please ensure they are unopened and in date.

Friday 24th November the day of the fair, the 'fine' will be cakes, games, and DVDs (no toys, videos or books please). For this non uniform day we are asking where possible if the children have any Christmas items: jumper, t-shirt, bobbles, socks, ties etc they wear them - only whatever they have, please do not buy anything especially. But please note appropriate footwear should be worn, no heels please.

Please remember that these are **voluntary** donations and we ask that it is one per child or per family - the choice is yours. If your child does not wish to participate that is absolutely fine, they just come to school in their uniform.

Christmas Card Competition - thank you to all the children who took part in our 'Design a Christmas Card' competition. Once again the standard of entries was very high. Winners will be announced on next week. One card will be chosen as overall winner and the designer will be invited to be Guest of Honour at the lighting of the village Christmas tree ceremony.

Prizes - We are looking for any kind donations for our Christmas Fair and the raffle from any local businesses. If you know someone that you think could possibly donate a prize especially from any local small company or business you could ask or persuade to be kind enough to donate a prize we would be most grateful. We will happily accept anything from a meal voucher to a Spa Day to a household service / car wash. Any business donating will receive free publicity in the following week's Newsletter and on our blog. We will also happily advertise any donating businesses with their cards / leaflets on the night.

Santa's Little Helpers - We are looking for volunteers who could spare us some time to 'man' a stall for us, even if just for an hour we would be very grateful. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are able to help us. We cannot run the fair without your help.

Stall Bookings - We have started taking bookings from private businesses to have a stall at our Christmas Fair. If you would like to hire a stall please get a booking form from the school office as soon as possible or email the school and one can be emailed to you. Spaces cannot be reserved until a non refundable payment of £20 per table (reduced to £15 with a raffle prize donation up to the value of £5) has been received. Please note we cannot guarantee exclusivity for a certain type of stall. The private stalls will be mixed in with the school stalls. You can also advertise your business through cards / leaflets on the night.

Christmas Dates for Diary - Advance Notice

- Christmas Movie Nights

The Friends of Cronton are running two movie nights for the children on Thursday 30th November and Thursday 7th December. The movie nights will run from 3:15/3:20 until 6pm at a cost of £5 per child. There will be a hotdog, popcorn and a drink for every child that attends. Letters/Permission slips will go out in book-bags next week. Once a place has been confirmed you can use Parentpay to pay for the night(s). Places are limited for both nights and will be allocated

on a first come first served basis. Children may be limited to one night only if nights are at full capacity. You can make a preference on the permission slips provided.

- **Christmas Lunch**

We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 7th December. More details will follow nearer the time.

- **Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance - 'The Hopeless Camel'**

The Year 1 & 2 Nativity Service will take place on Sunday 10th December. The infant children will be leading the morning service by giving a performance of their nativity play, 'The Hopeless Camel'.

There will be a performance of the play at 2:00pm during the afternoon of Friday 8th December for Senior Citizens and Grandparents only. Any donations of mince pies would be gratefully received on the morning of Friday 8th December for us to serve to our guests.

Please note that, as space is limited, parents should only come to the Sunday morning performance.

- **Foundation Stage Christmas Concert** - This year the Reception & Nursery children will be having 2 performances of their Christmas Concert on Tuesday 12th December at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Ticket information will be sent nearer the time.

- **Christmas Parties** - Parties take place during the afternoon - on Wednesday 13th December for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 14th for the Juniors. The children should come into school in the morning of their respective parties already dressed in their party clothes.

The Nursery party will take place on Monday 18th December from 9:00-11:00am for morning session and 1:00-3:00pm for the afternoon session.

- **Lighting of Cronton Christmas Tree and Village Ecumenical Service** - this will take place on Tuesday 12th December starting with the lighting of the tree at 7:00pm. Our Christmas Card competition winner will be our invited Guest of Honour and help perform the switch - on, alongside the winner from Holy Family School. The carol service itself begins at 7:30pm sharp in Holy Family Church and will be led by children from both schools. The service will last approximately 45 minutes so if you are not staying please ensure your child is collected at 8:15pm.

- **Breakfast with Santa** - On Thursday 21st December the infant children will come into school as normal and after registration will go into the hall to have a bowl of cereal and a drink of milk or water. Santa has promised to visit us and all the classes after breakfast.

We will of course inform parents of any other events that come along.

Best wishes

**Mrs S Thomson
Headteacher**

Cronton C. E. Primary School
Christmas Fair - 24th November 2017

Child's name: _____ Class _____

I will be able to help at the School Christmas Fair on Friday 24th November for the following

_____ Setting up from 3:30pm

_____ Helping on a stall 5 - 7pm

_____ Helping on a stall 5 - 6pm

_____ Helping on a stall 6 - 7pm

_____ Clearing away from 7:00pm

Parents Name: _____