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Dear families and children,

PTA Events

Film night takes place on Thursday 8th December and TUCASI has been taking booking for this for some time now. After 1st December you will not be able to book a place for your child, so please ensure you do before the cut off date. Text reminders have been sent for this and you did not receive a text you need to let us know so we can ensure we have the correct contact details for you.

Our next events will be the Christmas performance and Children's Christmas lunch. A text will be sent home to let you know when you can go onto TUCASI and book these for your child/ren.

On Monday 5th December the PTA have been asked once again, to help on the Round Table Carol Wagon. The route is along Somerset Road, Dorset Drive, Kenilworth Drive, Ridgmere, Kings Drive, Pensby Road (a little bit!) and Haddon Drive. Thanks to the PTA for supporting this event - look out for them en route!

Christmas Charity Events

A reminder that this year we are donating to the Thompson's Mission appeal. Details are below. Thank you for all your donations so far.



Thompson's Mission Christmas Appeal



We are organising a Christmas rucksack appeal for our local homeless and other people in need. Our aim is to ensure every homeless person in our area receives a gift this Christmas. Items can be packed into a rucksack or if you don't have a rucksack, you can also fill a shoebox.

Men and Women:

Clothing:

- New Underwear
- New Socks
- Hats, scarves & gloves
- Waterproofs
- Sleeping bag
- Belt

Toiletries:

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Shower gel/ Soap
- Deodorant / Wipes
- Hair brush / comb
- Sanitary items
- Lip balm
- Tissues
- Wash cloth
- Toiletry bag

Food items:

- Chocolate / Sweets
- Crisps / Cereal bars
- Packet soups
- Drinks
- Other Snacks

Other items:

- Save a way bus ticket
- Take away food voucher
- Small gifts
- Christmas Card
- Torch / Flask

Another reminder that Christmas Jumper day on Friday 16th December - this is the same day as the Children's Christmas fair. Bring £1 for wearing your jumper (goes to Save the Children) and some spending money for the fair as well! We will send a text reminder before this event.



RETRAK would like to thank families of the school for their support. £120 was raised for their work with children in Malawi. Thank you!

More thanks - £194 was raised for Children in Need - brilliant!

Christmas cards

The children do like to bring Christmas cards to school. These can be brought from Monday 5th December. They must be addressed with the full name of the child and the child's class to guarantee delivery!

There is still quite a bit to remember but the list is getting smaller:

- Monday 5th December - Children can bring Christmas cards into school with full names and class on the envelope
- Friday 16th December - non uniform day and wear your Christmas jumper - bring £1 and spending money for the Christmas fair!
- Rucksack donations - send in any time from the list above!

Winter and roads

Recently I have had neighbours of the school very concerned about the speed of traffic along Greenbank Drive. The speed limit on this road is 20 MPH. With the harsh weather conditions, even this speed can make it difficult to control a car. A recent incident near Ladymount school highlighted this further when a parent driving well below the speed limit there was faced with a child cycling into the road behind a large van totally hidden from view until the last minute. The leaves on the road along with some icy patches meant control of the car was compromised even at under 20 MPH. Thankfully no injury was caused but it shows how easily a car can be out of your control. Please drive with great care and within the speed limit around the school.

Mobile phones and children

Does your child have a mobile phone? Do you know what they text? Have you checked their phones? Our school website has a whole section on e safety for parents and pupils to help you ensure your child is safe online, but the use of mobile phone texts can often be unchecked by families and what children send is sometimes not appropriate. Please speak to your child about appropriate use of text messages and check their phones!

and finally,

You may have noticed on the school website that Miss Clarkson from our Administration team has become Mrs Shaw - congratulations!

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher