



Gentleshaw Primary Academy

'From Little Acorns, Mighty Oaks Grow...'

13th November 2023

Christmas Celebrations

Dear Parent/Carer,

The festive season is fast approaching and we want you to have as much notice as possible regarding the exciting celebrations taking place in the academy.

We have a number of events taking place and want our children to have a magical experience at this time of the year.

Christmas Fayre

This year we will be holding our Christmas Fayre on **Friday 1st December**. All year groups can be collected from their usual places at **3.00pm** on this day. Once all children have been collected you can then enter the academy building to attend the fayre. Squirrels will be available as normal on this day.

Grandparents' Parties

We are very excited to be able to invite grandparents/special guests into the academy to celebrate during the last week of term. Due to health and safety regulations we have a limited number of tickets available. To ensure that every child has the opportunity to have 2 guests we are holding 4 parties.

Tickets for the parties are limited to **2 per family and these will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks**. Where you have children in different year groups, tickets have been allocated to the eldest child. Please note that all children will perform at all parties so guests will see all of the children, whichever performance they attend.

PARTY 1 – Nursery & Reception Guests	Monday 18 th December 9.30am
PARTY 2 – Years 1 & 2 Guests	Monday 18 th December 1.30pm
PARTY 3 – Years 3 & 4 Guests	Tuesday 19 th December 9.30am
PARTY 4 – Years 5 & 6 Guests	Tuesday 19 th December 1.30pm

Christmas Dinner Day

On **Friday 15th December** the whole academy will have the option to have a delicious Christmas dinner. We will share more information about how to order your child's lunch in the coming weeks.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 21st December is 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Children are invited to replace their school jumper with a festive one! Normal school trousers/skirt and shoes should be worn but we encourage as much festive fun on your jumper or cardigan.

Pantomime Days

Years 1-3 are going to the panto on **Wednesday 13th December** and Years 4-6 on **Thursday 14th December**. We will be leaving school at 9.00am on both days and children need to arrive at school at 8.40am on their panto day. On these days children should wear full school uniform. A snack and drink will be provided

during the interval. We will be returning to school for lunchtime however on your child's panto only a cold option for school lunch will be available.

Performances

- Nursey & Reception will perform on Thursday 7th December at 10.00am. Tickets are limited to 2 per child and further information will be sent to you.
- Years 1 & 2 will perform on Monday 11th December at 1.45pm and Tuesday 12th December at 9.45am. Tickets will be limited to 2 per child for each performance and further information will be sent to you.
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will lead a carol service in church on the last day of term. The service will start at 1.00pm.

Last Day of Term

Please be reminded that Thursday 21st December is the last day of term and the academy closes at 2.00pm for pupils. Squirrels will be available until 4.00pm on this day. Children in years 3-6 and any siblings in younger years can be collected from school after the church service but will not be able to leave straight from church as they'll return to class to collect their belongings.

Please see the information below regarding years N – 2 collection times on this day. In order to stagger traffic around the academy children can be collected from an earlier time. Please see the table below.

Year Group	Collection Time
Nursery & Reception	1.40pm – 2.00pm
Year 1 & Year 2	1.45pm – 2.00pm
Years 3,4, 5 & 6	Following the church service from school.

December is a notoriously busy month and as you can see we have many different things taking place in school. If at any point you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the academy office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Genevieve Saunders

Headteacher
