



Gusford Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Some information for you:

Dates – these are the key events happening over the next few weeks at school:

*** Next week are Reception family cafes – from 2.30 on their usual book share day – please come and join in this event with your child.**

***Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th** – Foundation Stage Christmas Assembly. Tickets available via Parentmail.

***Thursday 15th** – School Christmas dinner. Children do not need to pay for this but they DO need to be booked in, or bring a packed lunch in on the day

***Friday 16th December** – Children may wear a Christmas/ colourful jumper to school for the day, with the rest of their school uniform for a charity donation.

***Monday the 19th December – Reception Class Christmas parties.**

There will be no book shares on the 19th and 20th December.

Christmas Parties

For the class Christmas parties we will be asking for a small contribution from each child.

Your child's class teacher will display 'post it notes' of items we would like to be brought in for the party. Please take a post it, and bring this item in on the day.

Please remember that all food items must be nut free.

Foundation Stage Assembly

The Foundation Stage Christmas Assembly will take place on Thursday the 15th December at 9.30.

We expect it to last for about 40 minutes. There is an additional performance for Afternoon Nursery parents on the 14th December at 2pm – **all Reception children need their assembly clothes in school for this afternoon. Please send their outfits in if you have not already done so.**

Due to data protection we ask that any photographs or videos taken of the performance are **NOT** placed on Social Media sites.

Raffle

There will be a raffle run by the PTFA at the Foundation Stage Assembly. We would appreciate tickets being bought to raise funds. These will be for sale on Thursday the 8th December, outside Nursery at the end of the school day. We would also appreciate any donations of raffle prizes for this – please give them to class teachers.



The *Active Learning* Trust



Bags!

It would be helpful if a carrier bag is placed in your child's PE bag to be used in the case of any accidents – in the current 'bag free shopping' climate we will no longer have a large supply of bags to send children's clothes home in.

Book share Days

To enable working parents to have a better chance of being able to attend a book share with their child we change the days for book share on a termly basis. The following will be the days for book share/ family café events from January:

Ladybirds – Thursday

Bumblebees – Tuesday

Caterpillars – Monday

Reading Challenge

As the end of term draws nearer we are all getting very excited to find out the results of the Infants 'Reading Challenge' – which class has won for this terms reading? We will let you know. In the meantime please keep reading regularly with your child, and record it in their diary – we cannot give your child a reading score unless an adult has signed the book!

Finally a few reminders –

*Please ensure **all** items of clothing are named – we are collecting lots of items of clothing in school as children are losing unnamed items. It would be helpful if you could check your child's PE clothing as a few children have lost items that are named but have not yet been found.

*Please return clothing borrowed when children have had 'accidents' – we are now very short of some items of clothing to 'lend out'.

*Please ensure children have a change of clothes in school in case of accidents.

If you have any questions about the information you have been given then please ask a member of the Foundation staff.

Mrs Race

Mrs Pecce

Miss Bartleet