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We are coming up to a busy time of the year and there are lots of exciting events planned for children and parents. This leaflet will hopefully allow you to keep up with everything that is happening! Lots of things have been changed and adapted due to Covid, however we are aiming to keep the essence of Christmas the same, making sure the children have a very special, enjoyable and meaningful Christmas.

Recycled Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

Christmas comes but once a year and there is nothing quite like a tree trimmed with pretty homemade decorations. We are inviting you, once again, to make a decoration for our own very special school Christmas trees. This year we would like you to make your decoration out of something you would throw away or recycle and bring it into school on **Tuesday 1st December** so we can put it on our trees. There will be special prizes for the winners of the best decorations. Please be aware our trees will be OUTSIDE this year.



Christmas Chocolate & Treats Hamper Raffle

Our Christmas Grand raffle will look a little different this year! Each class will combine their wonderful raffle donations into a spectacular hamper. We will be selling tickets to win one of these fabulous hampers on **Thursday 10th December before and after school. Please do bring in your money on this day!** The live Raffle Draw will take place after school at 4pm via our Facebook site. Please do remember to bring in your £1 on this day for a chance to win a super special hamper that will make your Christmas!

Non-Uniform Day (4th December)

In order to make our wonderful deluxe hampers, we are asking for parents' help! For a donation towards our Christmas raffle, your child will be able to take part in our non-uniform day.

- On **Friday 4th December**, you need to bring in a donation for your child's 'class hamper' and give this to your class teacher
- Our theme for non-uniform is '**Christmas**' - this can be as little as some tinsel on a headband or as a belt, Christmas socks, Christmas colours or if you wish a full Christmas outfit!

For our class hampers the classes would be grateful for donations of:

- Chocolate eg. boxes, tins, bags or bars
- Sweets and treats - candy canes, etc
- Christmas food essentials - gravy, cranberry sauce, mince pies
- Nice drinks - wine, beer and non-alcoholic cordials etc



DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE FANTASTIC 2020 HAMPERS! ONE YEAR ONLY!

Christmas Cards - It's a bit different this year!

Our school's Christmas post box will only be operational for 2 days this year - on **Friday 4th and 11th December ONLY**. This is due to the cards having to be quarantined over the weekend in order to be safe to distribute. Cards should be put in the post boxes within bubbles. Please make sure the child's name is easy to read, together with the class they are in. If the cards are for people not in that bubble, these will be delivered safely after quarantine.



Virtual Visit to the Pantomime... The Snow Queen

On **Friday 11th December**, all of our classes will be going to the theatre..... virtually! Image Musical Theatre will be performing an interactive participation musical streamed right into the classrooms, using props and songs to engage all children. We look forward to a great fun pantomime performance!

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Our traditional Christmas lunch is to be on **Friday 11th December**. We are also celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on **11th December**. The jumper can be shop bought or you can be creative with the children decorating a jumper they already have. Please bring in £1 if you wish which will be donated to 'Save the Children' - the charity who raise money through this great fun day!



Christmas Performances

The children in Nursery and Reception will still be staging their Nativity performance, however this will be a virtual one. The children in Reception and Nursery will produce a film of their nativity, and the rest of the school will be producing a short film of them playing Christmas music, performing Christmas songs, carols and also performing some Christmas poetry. This should be a lovely festive treat that can be enjoyed by all the family! More details will be given next week.



PTA Christmas Extravaganza Day (£5)

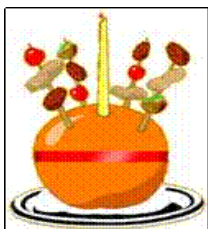
This exciting new event will be on **Monday 14th December** and will be a brilliant Red Letter day for all children. During the day, the children will enjoy a fun filled party day with all their friends.

During the day there will be

- Christmas craft morning (sorry no parents allowed)
- Christmas disco
- Party games
- Party food
- Zoom call with Santa
- Presents provided by Santa at the end of the day for each child
- Real snow!

The children will be able to come to school in their party clothes and bring with them if they wish, some games to play in class (no electronic games please). The cost for providing this extra special opportunity will be £5.











Christingle & Carol Service

Our Christingle is on **Thursday 17th December**. The children will learn all about its meaning and they will make their own Christingle. The Christingle and Carol Service will take place in the school hall within bubbles and will be at staggered intervals during the day.

Reverse Advert Calendar - Let's Give as well as Receive!

At St. Peter's you will know that we try to be a 'Community of Hope' not just hope for our pupils and families, but for the wider community too! So... we all have our wonderful Advent Calendars with treats in each day, however we thought it would be a great idea for the school to do a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' - giving to others as well as receiving! If you and your child would like to take part - here's how!



Week in Advent	Reverse Advent Challenge	What to do
Week 1 (starts Monday 30th November)	<u>Foodbank Donations</u> 	Each day, collect something for the local food bank. Bring your donations in for families who will be hungry this Christmas. Please place on the altar in the hall and your kind gifts will go to those that need them. 
Week 2 (starts 7th December)	<u>Homeless Sock Challenge</u> 	Everyone deserves to have warm toes! This week find a pair of socks and fill the sock with things that would be useful if you had no home - like toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrush, deodorant, women's perfume and other essentials! Bring to school any day this week. 
Week 3 (starts 14th December)	<u>Christingle Donations</u> 	The Children's Society kindly donate all of the materials for our Christingle services. They are a great charity who support children to achieve their potential, working with vulnerable children in the UK. Can you collect your pennies this week and bring in your collection tube to help us make a difference to children's lives in the UK?
Week 4 (starts after last day of term)	<u>Books to Spare?</u> 	Our final Reverse Advert Calendar Challenge is to look at the book shelves in your house. Do you have any books that you do not read anymore? If so, we would love to have your good quality books donated to school. We are particularly looking for significant authors, modern classics and books that the children LOVE to read!  Anyone who completes the Reverse Advert Calendar Challenge will receive a chocolate from Mrs Hickerton!

Christmas Holidays

The last day for the children this term is **Thursday 17th December 2020**. We will finish at normal times. School starts again on **Monday 4th January 2021** at 8.30am.

Christmas Events

Day	Time	Event
W/c 30 th November	All Week	Reverse Advent - Foodbank donations week
Tuesday 1 st December	9am	Bring in your Christmas Tree Decoration!
Friday 4 th December	8.50am	Bring in a donation for Christmas 'class hamper'
Friday 4 th December	All Day	'Christmas' themed Non-Uniform Day
Friday 4 th December	8.50am	Christmas Post Box Open - this day only
W/c 7 th December	All Week	Reverse Advent - Homeless Sock Challenge
Thursday 10 th December	All Day	Christmas Chocolate & Treats Hamper Raffle tickets available for sale all day - £1
Thursday 10 th December	4.00pm	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – live via Facebook
Friday 11 th December	8.50am	Christmas Post Box Open - this day only
Friday 11 th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11 th December	Lunch	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December	Afternoon	Virtual Visit to the Pantomime
W/c 14 th December	All Week	Reverse Advent - Christingle Donations
Monday 14 th December	All Day	PTA Christmas Extravaganza Day - £5 - Don't forget to wear your party clothes!
Thursday 17 th December	Through the day	Christingle & Carol Service
Thursday 17 th December	3.15pm	End of Term
W/c 21 st December	Any time	Final Reverse Advent Calendar Challenge - Books to Spare?
Monday 4 th January 2021	As usual	Children return to school

