

**CHRISTMAS**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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Dear parents/carers,

I'm very pleased to be able to share with you our Christmas Newsletter, which gives details about all of the wonderful events and fun we have in store this December for our school community as we get excited about Christmas.

It's a very special time of year where we can involve our school community in lots of different events, enjoying the festive period together and for staff a very busy, but rewarding few weeks.

The children in school have been simply fantastic this term, working extremely hard to make the best possible progress. Now, they're balancing this and end of term assessments with getting prepared for Christmas events, and for our EYFS and KS1 children, preparing for our amazing Christmas shows. They are a credit to you all.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you find the following information useful. All that's left to say is that I wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

*Mr S Holmes  
Headteacher*

### Christmas Fundraising Events:

Thank you for your amazing efforts this term with fundraising in school. Since September, we have already raised a huge amount of money for fantastic charities.

You have supported a range of charities and causes, such as Macmillan cancer research at our coffee morning, The Trussell Trust during our Harvest collection, The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and Children in Need, including raising funds directly for school at events such as the Monster Disco and next month at our Christmas Fayre.

As we approach a busy period in school, we have a few more final fundraising activities before things quieten down in the Spring / Summer term.

Details of this can be found later in this newsletter, but we are proud to be supporting Save the Children, as well as two local charities this Christmas, Sheffield Children's Hospital charity and Rotherham Hospice.





**Wednesday 4th December:**

**Christmas Fayre**

**From 2:45pm-4:45pm. Entry via main reception.** You may collect your child early from class at **2:45pm** and enter the fayre via reception. If your child is not collected early, normal end of day routines apply. We are kindly asking for bottle donations again this year. We would really appreciate it if you could donate a bottle to support us with this. We have a range of stalls from each class in school and local business', as well as a tombola, raffle and Father Christmas himself.

Refreshments and hot food will be available in the library / staffroom area.

We can't wait to see you there.



**Tuesday 10th December:**

**EYFS & KS1 Visiting Panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk'**

Our **EYFS & KS1** children will enjoy a visit from Chaplin's Mini Pantos with a production of **Jack and the beanstalk**. Packed solid with comedy, excitement and adventure, the children will love to cheer the hero, Jack and boo the evil Mayor Botchett. They will roar with laughter at the antics of Barm Bosworth and Dimples the cow, as they try to get the better of Dame Mrs Lumpkin.

We have managed to secure £800 of grant funding again this year to fund this visit for ours EYFS & KS1 children, at no cost to parents.



**Wednesday 18th December:**

**Carols in the community**

We welcome **ALL** pupils and parents / family members (previously just KS2) to school between 4—4:15pm for mince pies and hot chocolates before going on a tour of the community to sing some wonderful Christmas carols, finishing with more carols at Aston All Saints Church. You will be seeing the posters on dojo and social media, and our **Y5/6** children will be busy posting flyers through local residents' letter-boxes and putting flyers on lampposts over the next few weeks. We would love as many people as possible within our school community to come out and enjoy this event with us. Please note—due to the KS2 children rehearsing the carols, we will prioritise entry to the church for KS2 children and their families due to limited space.

**Friday 13th December:**

**Santa Dash & Christmas Jumper Day**

This is a sponsored event. Children are encouraged to wear a **Christmas jumper / Christmas outfit on this day**. Any money raised will be split between the charities Save the Children, Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity (our snowflake) and Rotherham Hospice. The Santa dash is part of a national initiative to get children active and have some fun doing so. Children will complete one of several mapped out routes at their own pace and will even have a visit from **Father Christmas himself** running along with them for encouragement and motivation.

Further details including sponsorship forms to follow.



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**Monday 16th December:**  
**FS2 Christmas Show**

Our **foundation stage** children will be showing their amazing confidence to perform their Christmas show to parents and family members. Are you ready for Baarmy Bethlehem? The show starts at **9:30am**, with arrival advised from **9:15am**. Each child / family will have two tickets sent home shortly. We do have a limited number of extra tickets, which you can request via the school office / your child's class teacher once the initial two tickets have been sent home. Programmes will be available on the day for a small cash donation (suggestion £1).



**Friday 20th December:**  
**Christmas Parties**

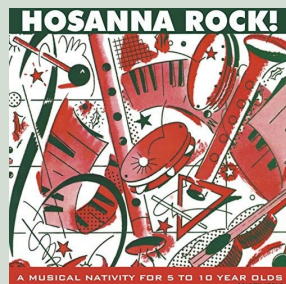
During the morning of **Friday 20th December**, each class / year group will be hosting their own Christmas Party. Children may come into school in **non-uniform** on this day and we encourage them to wear something Christmasy and festive or some party clothes. The children will enjoy games, dancing and festive activities throughout the morning. School closes at **1:15pm** on this day. Children should be collected in the normal way from their classrooms at this time.



**Thursday 12th December:**

**KS1 Christmas Show 'Hosanna Rock!'**

We are delighted that our **KS1** will be performing their 'Rock' themed nativity this year. I've seen the script and you're in for a treat, don't expect your traditional nativity. The performances will be at **1:45pm** and **5pm**. We ask that children return to school promptly at **4:30pm** to allow them to get ready, they will be finished / ready to be collected at approximately **6pm**. Each child will be allocated 2 tickets initially. A number of spare tickets will be available nearer the time for those wanting more than 2. A google form to request tickets will be sent on **Monday 18th Nov** and requests close on **Monday 25th November**. Tickets will be £1 and will include a programme .



**Date TBC**

We are hopeful that some of our **KS2** children, like in recent years, will be able to attend one of our Trust pantomimes this term. Our current plan is to attend Wickersley school and their panto 'The Princess & the Frog'. Further info to follow.



**Wednesday 11th December**  
**Rocksteady concert.**

Parents of children who take part in Rocksteady are invited to the Autumn term Rocksteady concert. The concert is from **10am - 11am**.

**Thursday 19th December:**  
**Christmas Dinner Day**

Children will enjoy their Christmas dinner on this day. A festive feast with all the trimmings.

**Christmas Fundraising**  
**Bucket Collections:**

We will have buckets for collections at our Christmas Fayre, productions and Carols in the community event to raise funds for our Sheffield Children's hospital snowflake.

