

PTA DRESS UP DAYS...HELP OUR FAIR BE THE BEST EVER!!!!
FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER Weekend wear and **BRING A BOTTLE FOR THE TOMBOLA**
FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER Holiday Gear and **BRING BOOKS & DVDS**
THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER Wear your own Sports Gear or Home Clothes and bring **CAKES FOR THE CAKE STALL TOMORROW!!!**

HELP NEEDED BY THE PTACan you help on a stall? Please contact Helena Kewley or let us know in school and we'll pass your name on.
THANK YOU! HELPING IS WHAT MAKES OUR FAIR THE BEST !

E-Safety in Your Home

Last year in School we had an E-Safety Day , Parents' Workshop and Drop In.

As a follow on to this we are sending out Digital Safety / Family Agreement booklets. These are an ideal way to set boundaries with your children for their use of Computers and any digital devices.

The Internet is a dangerous place for children to use without the supervision of a parent or responsible adult. Please make sure you are aware of everything your child uses.

For example; WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat, have all been used in the last year by children at home– all without the knowledge of their parents until School brought it to their attention.

Inappropriate internet access is a Safeguarding concern.

Parent Attitude Questionnaire 2015

Thank you to everyone who returned a Questionnaire in July. We had 50 out of a possible 79 questionnaires returned (63% of families).

Your views and comments help us in School to know what we do well and what you would like to be improved or changed.

Thank you for the many positive replies and views it was good to read them.

The replies and responses are coming home with this newsletter today.

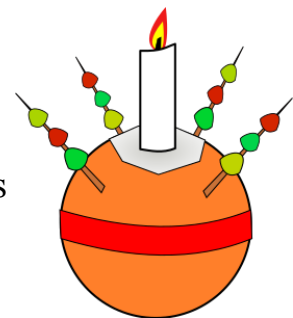
Christingle Service 4th December

Please send your child to school with their Christingle on the Friday Morning.

If you would prefer to use an 'LED / Artificial Candle' this is fine, especially for the younger children.

All are Welcome at this lovely service.

2pm Friday 4th.



Changes to School Times

Dear Parents and Carers

Regarding the Change of School Session Times , on which your views were sought in the Parent Attitude Questionnaire (July 2015). This has been under consideration for a while now . The proposal was taken to Governors and agreed to in principle in summer, Parent views were sought through the July PAQ, Staff also were consulted. After considering all views , LEA consent has been given and the Proposal will be going ahead, starting after the Easter holidays 2016.

The Change of session time for school will mean that Dinnertime will be from 12-12.55 and school will finish at 3.15pm.

School time in lessons will not change.

The 15 minute shorter lunchbreak will still allow time to play out—at least 30 mins outside, with longer in summer due to outside eating opportunities.

The Shorter lunchbreak will be of benefit with less unstructured time .

At the end of the School Day the earlier finish will be better for After School Clubs—not as late a finish , also earlier is better in the dark winter nights. Charging for Late Stay is unaffected by the changes.

Please do not think this is for the benefit of staff as the usual 'hometime' for staff is between 5.30 and 7! (We really do sleep in the cupboards!) One benefit for staff will be when we attend training sessions and courses at other schools , we will be able to get there as the start is always 3.30-3.45— as most other schools finish around 3.15pm.

Our PAQ showed 38% making no comment and 28% for the proposal, 2% a further question, and 32% against. Governors and staff have been consulted and are in agreement.

Preparation time is vital in any change and we appreciate this.

The new times will start from April 2016.

There will be a period of transition in the summer term to help and support any difficulties, as we understand this may not be as easy for some families as others.

We will then be ready for the Autumn term of 2016.

If you did not send back your July 2015 PAQ and will have a problem please let me know.

Thank you

