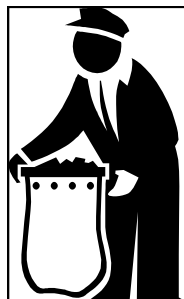


Christmas Post

Our Christmas Post is organised by our Year 6 children and starts on **Monday, 1st December**. Children are asked to post all of their cards in the special Christmas Post Box that will be found in the Entrance Foyer.



ALL cards MUST have the child's FULL name and CLASS on the envelope to make sure that they are delivered to the right person!

Wear Red Non—Uniform Day

On the last day of term we will be having a 'Wear Red' non—uniform day with donations going to help us to cover the costs of the Poppy Crosses purchased for the World War 1 memorial at the front of the school. The cost of a Poppy Cross is £2.50, but we are only asking for a donation towards the cost, understanding that many of you have more than one child. All money raised on this day will go towards our School Fund which has already covered the cost of the crosses, with all proceeds going directly to the Longton Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Christmas Fayre

A special reminder that our Christmas Fayre is on Friday, December 5th from 3.45pm — 5.30pm. Entry is free, but there will be the opportunity to give a donation at the door.



New Year Discos

As we are already having Christmas Parties in the last week of term we will be planning special 'Valentines Discos' rather than the usual Christmas ones.

Full details will follow in the New Year.

School closes for the Christmas break on Friday 19th December and opens for the Spring Term on Monday, 5th January 2015.

GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2014



Dear Parents / Carers,

Sunday 30th November marks the start of Advent and, like you, we have already started our count down to Christmas.

We have lots of events taking place over the next few weeks and we thought that it would be helpful if we gave you all of the details in a separate newsletter.

If you have any questions about any of the events listed please contact your child's teacher.

Christmas Dinner Day

We are starting our Christmas celebrations this coming Wednesday, December 3rd with our annual Christmas Dinner. Staff enjoy joining the children and will hopefully set a good example by eating all of their sprouts and smiling while they do so !

Christingle Services

Our annual Christingle Services will both take place at St Mary & Chad's Church on Friday, 12th December. Our KS1 service will take place at 9.45am and the service for our KS2 children will be held at 1.45pm. You are very welcome to come along and join us for these very popular services and we ask that you support The Children's Society by making a donation in the envelopes provided that can be handed in at either service. Our Foundation Stage children will NOT be going to the Church, but will have their own service in our school hall for parents & carers at 9.15 a.m. on Monday, 15th December.



Key Stage 2 Concert

Members of the Y5 / Y6 Choir, our Recorder Groups, Instrumentalists and Orchestra will be performing for parents / carers at St Mary's and St Chad's Church on Thursday evening, December 11th at 7pm. This is always a special event but sadly, due to limited space in the church, tickets are only available for the families of the children taking part.

Christmas Carol Singing



As a special treat, and to get us into the Christmas spirit, our Key Stage 2 choir will be performing for parents / carers on our KS2 balconies at the end of term. The singing will start at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 18th. We will be handing out mince pies to help you to celebrate with us! For 3 out of the past 4 years it has snowed as the children have been performing and lots of parents say that it is always a lovely end to the Autumn Term.

FS/KS1 Christmas Production

Once again it is the turn of our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils to perform our Christmas Play. The production is called 'A Noisy Nativity' and promises to be a magical production. There will be 3 performances on the morning of the 9th, 10th and 11th of December. Tickets are free and I know that they going very quickly. If you have not yet returned your letter please do so before they run out. Please don't worry, we haven't forgotten our K.S.2 children as they will be performing for us in July in their own end of year school production.



Christmas Party Time!



The Christmas Parties will take place in the last week of term on the days listed below. Funds raised at the Christmas Fayre will help to provide all of the party food as well as all of the party game prizes.

Party Days

Nursery	Monday, 15th December
Reception	Monday, 15th December
Year 1	Wednesday, 17th December
Year 2	Wednesday, 17th December
Years 3 and 4	Thursday, 18th December
Years 5 and 6	Tuesday, 16th December

Your child's class teacher will tell you about the arrangements a little closer to the day.

Christmas Presents from Santa

FS/KS1 pupils will be receiving a special visit from Santa over the coming weeks and then he will be giving all 485 children a special gift. Funds raised from events such as the Christmas Fayre and discos will be helping Santa to provide all of his gifts & presents.

