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# Festive Celebrations at Woodside

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are looking forward to celebrating the festive season with our school community this year. We have arranged a varied number of events which we hope capture the fun and essence of the period. Please see below a selection of events that will be happening across the school over the month of December.



#### **Theatre**

To start the festive season, on Friday 1st December, the Image Musical Theatre will be coming into school to put on a musical production of 'The Wind in the Willows'. There will be separate performances for KS2 and KS1. Unfortunately, due to the length and type of performance, it is not suitable for our Early Years children.

However, we are organising an alternative activity for our Early Years children.

# **Festive Singing Performances**

This year, each year group will be performing festive, winter songs to parents and carers. Each year group will perform their song on specific days. We are welcoming parents and carers to come along and join in. Please note, due to spacing restrictions, we are asking that you only attend on the sessions where your child is in that year group and where possible, only 2 parents/carers per child.

Friday 15th December 9:30 - Nursery & Nest AM children Friday 15th December 2:30 - Nursery & Nest PM children Tuesday 19th December 9:30 - LKS2 (Y3 & Y4) Tuesday 19th December 2:30 - UKS2 (Y5 & Y6) Wednesday 20th December 9:30 - EYFS (Reception) Wednesday 20th December 2:30 - KS1 (Y1 & Y2)



Please note, for the afternoon performances, children will return back to class and will be dismissed as normal at 3:15.



# **Festive Jumper Day**

All children are invited to wear a festive jumper to school on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. This means children will be expected to wear normal school uniform but they can wear a festive jumper or festive accessories. Let's get in the festive spirit!

We are asking for donations (£1-£2 recommended) - any money raised will be split between raising for Save for Children charity (the official sponsor for Christmas Jumper Day) and for the school funding of enrichment activities, including for end of year 6 activities.

#### **Christmas Lunch**



We will be holding our Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, the same day as Festive Jumper Day. This is free for children in Reception – Year 6. If you would prefer your child not have Christmas Lunch, please email us at office@inspirewoodside.co.uk.

## **Assemblies**

We will be holding 2 assemblies to celebrate and recognise the importance of Hanukkah and Christmas. These will happen towards the end of the term.

## **Class Festive Celebration**

Each class will be celebrating the end of the term and the festive period on **Thursday 21st December**. They will have the chance to have a class celebration with holiday games, stories, dancing, films and group activities in the afternoon. There may even be a visit from a special guest!

Children are invited to bring in some snacks for this celebration. As a healthy-eating and nut-free school, we are asking for donations of food that are nut free and not overly sweet (e.g. sausage rolls, chips and dips, fruit, popcorn, crisps etc.).

## **Last Day of Term**

Our last day of term is **Thursday 21st December**. School will finish at normal time for all children (3:15 and normal morning and afternoon finish times for Nursery & Nest children). It is important that all children attend school as normal up to and including Thursday 21st December.

## **Summary of dates**

Date	Event
Friday 1st December	Musical Production of the Wind in the Willows (KS1 & KS2)
Thursday 13th December	Festive Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December	Nursery & Nest morning children singing performance (9:30)

	Nursery & Nest afternoon children singing performance (2:30)
Tuesday 19th December	Years 3 & 4 singing performance (9:30)
	Years 5 & 6 singing performance (2:30)
Wednesday 20th December	Reception singing performance (9:30)
	Years 1 & 2 singing performance (2:30)
Thursday 21st December	Class Festive Celebration in class
	Last day of term

If you have any questions, please contact the school office or speak with your child's class teacher. We are excited to celebrate the holiday season with the Woodside Community!

Yours sincerely,

Mr I Atwal <u>Headteacher</u>

