



News from the Nest

21st November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

I hope you had a good Half Term and are now looking forward to the coming months of festivities and sharing in them with us here at school.

As you will have seen, either on the School Website or on ParentHub, there is some key information for you as Parents and families, as we approach the Christmas period in school.

Our 'Carols Around the Crib' morning is returning this year alongside the reintroduction of our traditional 'Christmas Craft' sessions. These are sessions where you as parents can share in making some special festive creations with your child/ren in school - see slides 2 and 3 for specific details. We are asking that a maximum of 2 adults attend, so that we can continue to keep all children and families safe as well as plan for numbers attending - Christmas treats and tea and coffee will be available for parents and families during the morning.



The following slides are from the information video you can find on our website and will explain all you need to know about how Christmas 2022 will be celebrated at Wren's Nest, including the return of our Wren's Nest Grand Draw. Please support us by selling these tickets to family, school community and friends. If you require any more tickets, please ask at the Main School Office.

1 Carols around the Crib - Reception to Year 4

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Carols around the Crib will be a wonderful experience you can take part in with your child here at school. They will share with you, in an enchanting way, through wonderful songs their celebration of Christmas.

These will take place after you have completed your Christmas Crafts with your child in the Main School Hall.

Carols around the Crib take place outside but undercover in our very own 'Christmas Den' so we are not reliant on dry weather.

Mince pies and Chocolate Yule logs will be served to parents whilst you wait for the Carols around the Crib to begin.

We are asking that a maximum of 2 adults attend this event. This will allow us to manage numbers attending effectively in school.

We are very excited to share in this experience with you!

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Christmas Crafts



Christmas Craft mornings and Carols Around the Crib experiences will take place in school on the following dates:

- Year 1: Tuesday 6th December at 9:15am
- Year 2: Wednesday 7th December at 9:15am
- Year 3: Thursday 8th December at 9:15am
- Reception: Thursday 8th December at 2pm - Carols Around the Crib
- Year 4: Friday 9th December at 9:15am

Year 5, 6 and Reception will complete their Christmas Crafts as part of their timetabled Art and Design Curriculum.

Christmas Craft mornings are an excellent way you can share in some time with your child in school, whilst making something festive together.

Carols around the Crib will then follow. Festive refreshments will be provided for you.

Please come along and join us!

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WREN'S NEST PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB



Please join us for Christmas crafts followed by a spectacular performance of various festive songs.

YEAR 1: TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 9.15AM
YEAR 2: WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 9.15AM
YEAR 3: THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 9.15AM
RECEPTION: THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 2PM
YEAR 4: FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT 9.15AM

Festive refreshments provided

Two adults per child

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Christmas Celebrations by the children



Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service
at St Francis' Church, Dudley
Thursday 15th December 2022

This year, children in Year 5 and 6 will be creating a traditional Carol Service for you to share in as part of their celebration of Christmas.

You are welcome to attend - the service will begin 12noon at St Francis Church, Laurel Road, Dudley

The Carol Service will also be filmed and then shared via the School website.

There will be a link on our School website homepage for you to follow - see www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

You can then share this special experience with all of the family.

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Christmas Parties



Each year group will enjoy a Christmas Party.

The children can bring their party clothes to school and then they change after lunch. Please **DO NOT** bring party food into school. This will be provided for the children by school.

Wednesday 14th December is 'Party Afternoon' at Wren's Nest for all children!

This includes 'Snacktime with Santa' for our Time for Twos children, both morning and afternoon sessions.

This year, party food for all of the children will be provided by school.

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Christmas Lunch



Christmas lunch will take place on Friday 16th December 2022.

All children can take part in this special time in school. If your child prefers a packed lunch, they can still join in, by pulling a crocker and enjoying the festive fun!

Lunches are £2.40



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Grand Christmas Draw

This year, we see the return of our Grand Christmas Draw.

Each child has brought home a book of Christmas Draw raffle tickets - 20p a ticket or £1 for a book of tickets. We will be sending another book home soon.

If you can sell them all - wonderful. The money will go towards buying additional reading books for children across all ages ranges within school.



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Grand Christmas Draw

Why not sell a ticket to a friend, family member or a neighbour and hopefully win one of our 20+ fabulous prizes on offer - The first prize is £100 cash!



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Grand Christmas Draw

Grand Christmas Draw tickets will be sent home with your child during the Week beginning Monday 14th November 2022.

The ticket stubs and money will need to be returned to school (class or main office) no later than 12noon on Friday 9th December 2022. This is so the raffle draw can take place on the evening of the 9th December after the children have gone home.

We will film the prize draw, post it on the school website and ParentHub as well as call you to notify you if you have won a prize!



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Christmas Eve box

1st Prize! £100 cash

Christmas story book

Bottle of Sherry

Bottles of beer

amazon.com £25 gift card

Bottle of Gin

Some of the prizes to be won!

Chocolate Hamper

A Turkey

Christmas Poinsettia

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£10 gift card

Christmas book and toy

Children's Christmas Cup

Bottle of Prosecco

Some of the prizes to be won!

Beauty gift set

Reed diffuser

Williams Butcher £15 voucher

Christmas Hamper

Christmas Cake

£10 gift card

Please, if you are able to, visit the school website - www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk - and watch the Christmas Information video in full.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, filled with love and laughter shared with loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support throughout 2022 - we really do value it.

As always, take care,

Sarah

Sarah Parkes - Headteacher

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Fantastic News!

During this half term, we have given out 373 books rewarding children for excellent behaviour. We believe that it is really important to recognise and show our appreciation to all of the children who behave wonderfully every single day. We allow each child only one "wobble" over the whole term (as we know that none of us are perfect!) and expect excellent behaviour throughout the day from the moment they come into school.



How wonderful that so many children are able to behave to such high expectations - wonderful role models at Wren's Nest.

Holiday Dates

Staff INSET day - Monday 28th November 2022

End of term: Friday 16th December 2022, returning on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

February Half Term 2023: Monday 20th - Friday 24th February 2023

Staff INSET Day: Monday 23rd January 2023

VERY Advance Notice!

Key Stage 2 SATs week: Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023

Year 4 Multiplication tests: Week beginning 5th June 2023 (3 week period)

Key Stage 1 assessments: Two week period beginning 9th May 2023

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week: Week beginning 5th June 2023