CHRIST CHURCH

Dear Families,

As we approach Christmas I would like to share with you our plans over the next few weeks.

Christmas performances

Our Nursery/Reception Xmas performances will be taking place on Thursday 12th December at 10.30am and 2.00pm. Our children have been practising hard to make sure it's a really special performance for everyone. We look forward to welcoming our parents to watch and celebrate with us!

Christmas Dinner

The Infants will have their Christmas meal on Wednesday 18th December and the Juniors on Thursday 19th December. The children may wear their Christmas jumpers if they so choose to do so on this day for their Christmas meal, if not then normal school uniform.

Christmas Cards

Some children have asked to bring in Christmas cards this year. They may do so but please make sure first names/ last names and the class are clearly written on the front of the envelope to avoid confusion.

Pantomime Visits

Our KS2 children will be going to Derby Arena on Friday 13th to watch the pantomime 'Cinderella' returning to school for approximately 4.30pm (traffic permitting). All children will come into school to collect their things on their return, all parents will be able to collect their child from the school hall. Our Reception and KS1 children will be visiting the Brewhouse on Tuesday 17th December to watch 'The night before the night before Christmas' and will return to school in time to be collected from the playground as usual. All the children (and staff) are really excited to see the performances!



Admissions

If you have a child that will be starting in Reception in September 2025 please complete the online application by **15th January 2025**. if you need any help or support with this please contact the office who will be happy to assist you.

Christmas decorations

All of our classes have been making their own Christmas decorations ready to add some festive cheer to our school ready for our Xmas Fayre today, Monday 16th December (2.15pm start).

Christmas Bauble competition

This half term Arts council have run a Christmas bauble competition in school. To celebrate Christmas within our community the Arts Council went to Elim Church to decorate the tree with all the bauble entries. It was tough choosing 3 winners from all of the amazing baubles made! The tree looks amazing and is up in the entry way at Elim Church. Please take some time to have a look at the wonderful work the children have been doing to help our community celebrate!

Kindest regards,

Mr Archer.







N6 Class assembly

In N6, we had our class assembly to share our learning with our parents. We talked about everything we were learning about last half term: English, maths and more. For maths, we demonstrated long division. In history, we learnt about Ancient Greece and we re-enacted the story of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We enjoyed singing a song called, 'Refuge' which we learnt in our Music lessons. We really enjoyed showing our Greek pottery art work and explaining how we did it. We were a bit nervous and excited all at the same time, but we really enjoyed it in the end!" Nancy, Eleanor

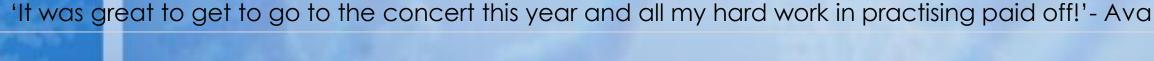






Carol Concert

On Sunday 8th December our school choir were invited along to Burton Town Hall to take part in the Mayors Christmas Concert alongside a number of other local schools. In front of parents, families and local councillors, the children performed 2 Christmas songs on the stage and sang them beautifully. A wonderful festive afternoon was had by all! 'It was really fun! I really enjoyed challenging myself to sing in front of an audience!'- Milana











10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, travelleng and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

MONITOR DIGITAL

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Children spend more time ontine during school holidays, increasing represente to patiental dangers such as cyberbulying, inappropriate content and entine protectors. Bolarching screen fitte, avoiding hormful websites and ansuring children engage positively ontine dans a difficult Wholu grepper monitoring tocks. Set clear boundaries, encaurage open discussions about ontine boundaries, encaurage open discussions about ontine exposure and escent time effectively. Regular check-inte and positive reinfectement around digital habits encourage safe online behavious.

PRACTICE FIRE

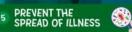
The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of contilles, cookers and electrical decarations. Open formes, electrical eventods and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Insure stands decisions are operation of keep fire extinguisters on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avaid avaing cooking unattended and use fire-safe candies to prevent mishaps.

CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tond to travel during the holidarys, resulting in businer roads, increased raffic accidents and weather releted hoarants, Woother conditions, need range. Todays and busy originats can all compremise travel sofery. Pack emergency kits and adhere to sootbell iows. Plan routes in advance and adhere worthe those time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may conten allegens. Cross centerminotation, unclease labelling and lock of allergen-friendly replaced to been en excitations. Communication any deray necessary medications is and in the analysis of the second hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications is and entities any primers in second children how to advocate for themselves and recognise children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dimagerous book also contificuates to safer celebrardian.



Cold weather and second socialising can increase the speed of winses like III and COVD-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of easien and frequent travic most to higher intection risks: remphasise hypers, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isotate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specializing in risk assessment and preventitive strategies, he has warked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training. STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD DO reased holiday traffic heighters the fisk of accidents both drives and pedestrians. Distances driving, latticins notify or in fluciment water the rank complicate d safety, throaurage pedestrian safety principles, over distances and the new drive under the influence.

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Festive decorations such as Christma lights and candidas can pose electrical, fire and chaking hazards is if michandied. Trayed wires, topping Christmas traes, small oncoment and open lismise can be difficult to control, especially in Buay househelds with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, sociese Christmas traes, piace tragile or small items aut of reach and ensure condes are never init unattanded. Tenting smake alarms and using filame-related to contains can significantly reduce class.

SET BOUNDARIES

Some toys and gadgets can present chaking, sharp-edge or salety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet caftery standards and are age appropriate can be complex with 30 amough opticins available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parential controls. Setting expectations acrowed area gift use and discording packaging that poses a risk clea helps to prevent accidents.

ADDRESS STRESS

Holidary pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lock of downthme can cause stress and telgua, leading to accidents or poor decision meking, incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote releastion to create a beathler, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, rolaing concerns obust forky and supervision. Excessive inclohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of aupervision for chitters. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible bahavieur in tont of childent ensures that calaborations ensures patibles and childent ensures that calaborations ensures patibles and

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School finishes on Friday December 20th 2024 and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well back in the New Year on Monday 6th January 2025. Finally we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! From oll of Christ Ghurch