



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY AND ELF RUN

MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

Children will be enjoying two fantastic activities next Monday:

- A whole school family Christmas lunch
- A joint school 'Elf Run' with Caton Community (see attached letter for very important information)
A super chance to be together and raise money for St John's Hospice.

Don't forget – bottom half uniform, spare trainers for the run, Christmas jumper/T-shirt and your Elf hat.

PTA NEWS – CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair was a resounding success. Well over 300 people came to the Fair and enjoyed visiting Santa, eating and drinking, playing games, visiting all the children's and business stalls and most of all listening to the wonderful singing of the Choir. The children's games went down really well with a record queue for the chocolate and gift tombola where the queue was nearly out of the classroom door for most of the evening. Over 80 Children had the pleasure of meeting Santa in his lovely grotto and some children experienced meeting the stick insects, not to mention hair do's and digging into bran tubs and winning lollipops.

Parents have been fantastic with all the donations made for the fair including a huge amount of chocolates, lots of bottles and gifts and many lovely cakes, home made and bought. Without these donations the Fair wouldn't succeed in making the money it has made for the Children and the School. So a GREAT BIG thank you to you all for all your contributions, visiting the Fair and bringing the children, family and friends, the helpers before, during and after the Fair including the Teachers too. Thanks to Santa and to the people who were working away at night to erect Santas Grotto, to the Elves and all the people that manned the stalls. Thanks to the Children who were all fantastic and made many wonderful gifts to sell on the night and the lovely Choir for their beautiful singing, which made the visitors stop and listen, one parent said 'the singing is so lovely it is lulling me to sleep' how lovely that people took time to listen, relax and enjoy.

The Raffle was fantastic with some great prizes to be had, so a big thank you to those who sourced the prizes and to the businesses who donated the raffles. A letter of thanks will be sent to all businesses. Many hours of work went into making the evening a success, it was such a success we took over £2000 during the night and we have made over **£1700** profit, which is absolutely amazing and it is down to you all.

A big thank you to the members of the PTA Board, 'the team' who worked endlessly over the past few weeks to ensure everything was in place for the evening and the Teachers and to Mrs Price for letting us take over the school and who made us a cup of tea, not to mention the lovely donation of a hamper made up by the Teachers for the raffle.

Thanks to Mr Legg too of course.

Thank you so much everyone and well done to all.

Merry Christmas

Julie Pearson

Chair PTA Board



MRS EAST'S MUSIC CONCERT

TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER AT 2PM

Mrs East and her music students will be entertaining us next week with a variety of musical pieces. This is a great opportunity to come along and see the super progress our children have made on their instruments. Families are very welcome to come and watch.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

The children will be exploring 'Christmas Around the World' starting with our carol service on Monday 17 December. Listen out for some French and German carols. There may be a bit of West Indian in there too!

The theme will continue all week in class. EYFS will be learning about Christmas very close to home in the UK. Ruby – Mexico, Topaz – Russia, Year 3 – Norway, Year 4 – Finland, Year 5 – France and Year 6 – Germany. On Friday 21 December, the children will be displaying all they have learnt about their country in the hall.

Why not have a look? The hall will be open for viewing from 9am – 10am. Tea, coffee and mince pies available.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Earrings

- children are not permitted to wear earrings in school.
- Retainers/plugs are not permitted.
- Please contact Mrs Price if you wish to discuss this further.

Socks

- Please keep those toes warm with black, grey, white socks (plenty of dressing up time available on special days).

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. School collected £100.98. Without your help, The Royal British Legion would be unable to continue this vital welfare and benevolent work. The District total was £22,000.

VIP WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's VIP winners are:-

Reception – Evie for enthusiasm in all areas of learning this week.

Year 1 – Oliver for fantastic work in phonics

Year 2 – Kai for brilliant behaviour all week.

Year 3 – Maisie for being so enthusiastic about school – super keen, super brill, super girl!!

Year 4 – Georgia for stepping up to the challenges of Year 4 and producing super work.

Year 5 – Edward for superb maths work and excellent behaviour in class.

Year 6 – Luke for excellent work in English and maths

END OF TERM SERVICE

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 1.30PM

We will be ending this term with a short Church Service at St Paul's Church from 1.30pm. Children may be collected from school after the service at 2.15pm (normal rear door arrangements).

NB No After School Club on this day.

NUT FREE SCHOOL POLICY

A polite reminder to all families that nuts are not permitted for snack/lunchtime. We currently have children with serious nut allergies so we would be very grateful for your help. Thank you.



ST JOHN'S HOSPICE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTIONS

11, 12, and 13 JANUARY 2019

Recycle your Christmas tree for charity. No mess in the car, no queries at the tip, no need to chop, just remove the decorations!

£6 suggested donation to St John's Hospice. Book your tree collection now. Call 01524 382538 or book online at www.sjhospice.org.uk/recycletrees

All trees must be booked for recycling before 5pm on Tuesday 8 January.

TERM DATES 2019/20

Confirmed holiday dates can now be viewed on the school website under our school, school information, term dates and session times.

OASIS CAFÉ

An oasis is a safe resting place that provides refreshment. Oasis café does the same. It is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Brookhouse Methodist Church **from 9am** to 2pm. If you need a place to come and meet with others over a coffee and cake or a light lunch you will be welcome here. There will be toys available if you want to bring your children. Come and relax and be refreshed.

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

The Village Carol Service will be held at Caton St Paul's Church on Sunday 16 December at **6.30pm** not 7pm as advertised in the Link. All welcome.

NATIVITY SERVICE INCLUDING MESSY CHURCH

Brookhouse Methodist Church

Sunday 16th December at 10.45am

Everyone is welcome to come to the nativity service including Messy Church.

Craft, fun and music. Cakes and Mince Pies at the end of the service.

LIVE NATIVITY

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER AT CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Come and explore the Christmas story as you are led through the busy market place of Bethlehem during the time of the Census. With live animals, food, carols and a visual Christmas message.

We'll have four showings 3pm, 3.45pm, 4.30pm and 5.15pm. No need to book. Open to all ages. Free entry.



DIARY DATES

(please remember to check the school calendar on website for updates)

Thurs 13 Dec	1pm onwards	Choir singing at The Low Wood Hotel with Lakes Gospel Choir
Sat 15 Dec	2pm	Live Nativity at Caton Baptist Church (school choir performing)
Sun 16 Dec	6.30pm	Village Carol Service at Caton St Paul's Church
Mon 17 Dec		Christmas Dinner Day
		Christmas Jumper and Hat day (normal uniform bottom half!)
	1.45-3pm	'Elf Run' – Charity walk/run in aid of St John's Hospice – joint activity with Caton Community School
	6pm	School Carol Concert at St Paul's Church
Tues 18 Dec	2pm	Musical instrument performance (Mrs East)
Fri 21 Dec	1.30-2.15pm	End of term church service (children may be taken home after the service – from normal school rear entrance.
Fri 21 Dec		No After School Club