



Newsletter

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Today sees the start of Christmas celebrations at St James'; we have a week of tinsel filled joy, excitement and a fair bit of chaos! This is a lovely time of year in school, and even though we're all getting a bit ill and tired, I'm sure we will all enjoy the many activities coming up. Huge thanks to the PSA for kick starting our fun with today's Fayre—you've worked so hard on this and I'm sure we'll all have a great time; THANK YOU!!!

As many of you will know, I have broken my left wrist and will be in a cast for at least another month—thank you for all your kind comments and good wishes. Fortunately, I am right handed, but losing the use of one hand is proving to be a challenge—everything takes so much time & effort, including this newsletter, so please forgive the brevity of this message and any typos you may spot!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend,

Maria and all the team at St James'

Next Week

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| Tuesday | Christmas Breakfast
PSA Christmas Bazaar
Christmas Shows 2.00, 4.00 |
| Wednesday | Christmas Service 9.30 |
| Thursday | Christmas Lunch (children may bring Christmas themed hats/headwear)
Carols Round the Tree (meet at school 4.00, or at the tree 4.10-ish) |
| Friday | Christmas MUFTI |

Christmas Fayre - Today, 3.30pm School Hall

Don't forget the school Christmas Fayre. There will be lots of games, stalls, refreshments and you may even spot Father Christmas come for a visit. Remember to bring plenty of change, and all money raised will go towards new school play area and other school activities. Please come along and support the PSA, and why not grab a minced pie or glass of mulled wine while there. It will be lots of fun!

Pobble presents...

The best festive homework ever!

The most essential thing is have lots of festive fun!

Here's your homework for the Christmas holidays.
How many can you do?

1 Write a letter to Santa's elves, it's usually Santa that gets all the post!

2 Can you design a Christmas card and send it to your favourite person?

3 Make a festive decoration for around the house or to hang on the tree.

4 Create a homemade gift and give it to a friend or family member.

5 Make a list of things you really want to learn or achieve in the New Year. Remember to write a note to yourself and pack it away with the decorations for you to find next year.

6 Have a dance party in the living room to your favourite festive songs.

7 Can you find out about Christmas in another country? How does it differ to Christmas in yours?

8 Can you make a Christmas tree out of something different? Lego, plasticine, the choice is yours!

9 Can you write your own Christmas song or rap, and perform it to your family?

10 Have a meal with your family and talk about your favourite memories of this year and the best things that happened to you.

11 If you're lucky enough to receive Christmas presents, write thank you notes and send them. Can you include something you loved about the gift?

12 Birds can get very hungry at this time of year. Can you make a festive bird feeder out of a milk carton, box or bottle and hang it outside?

13 Can you make a snow globe out of an empty container? What will you put inside?

14 Have a family Christmas movie night, get cosy and tune in to a Christmas classic.

15 Can you help to bake some Christmas cookies? Or a Christmas cake?

We'd love to see what you come up with.
Share your photos and homework stories with us on Twitter, Facebook or Pobble!

Pobble.com

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Event	Date & Time	Class	Staff Lead	Notes
Christmas Bazaar	17.12.19	All	PSA	See page 3 of this newsletter.
Christmas Show	17.12.19 2.00, 4.00	YR, 1, 2	CD, FL, SP	See page 3 of this newsletter.
Christmas Service	18.12.19. 9.30am	All	LR, GH	Led by Y3,4; all invited to attend
Christmas Lunch	19.12.19	All	IL	
Carols Round the Tree	19.12.19 4.00	All	SM	See page 3 of this newsletter.
MUFTI	20.12.19	All		

Ticket Requests for the Christmas Show

Last call for Nativity ticket requests from Reception, year 1 and year 2 parents. Please note that you will need a ticket in order to gain entry to the hall. All ticket requests must be in school by 3.30pm Today (Friday 13th December). If you have made a request for additional tickets these will be issued on Monday.

Christmas Show, Tuesday 17th December

All Reception, year 1 and Year 2 children need to stay afterschool in class on Tuesday in order to attend the 4pm performance. Please come to collect your child at 4.45pm if you are not watching the performance.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you for your donations of gifts. We have plenty of toiletries and beauty products but we still need small gifts for parents with other interests e.g. books, gardening, puzzles, chocolates etc if you have any good condition pre-loved items or unwanted gifts that would be suitable please bring them in asap.

We still need parent volunteers to help the children wrap their gifts on Tuesday. Please let us know if you can help.

Children need to bring in £1 per gift for mums and or dads. A maximum of 2 gifts per child.

Carols Round the Tree

Carol's around the tree Thursday 19th Dec Children and families are invited to join our annual gathering around the Biddenham village Christmas tree for a sing-along. We will be leaving school at 4pm to walk down to the tree together.

Caterlink Online Payments

Caterlink have raised their concerns that some parents are not keeping payments up to date on their child's Online Caterlink account.

All school meals must be paid for in advance. Please take a moment to sign into your child's account and credit where necessary. Those children that are in arrears of more than £15, received a letter yesterday from Caterlink outlining their current debt.





Christmas fayre PSA stalls pricing list



PSA Gift Stall

- Crochet keyrings - £2
- St James' class bird decorations – £1 each or 7 for £5
- Hot chocolate stirrers - £1
- Fresh Christmas wreaths £10
- Fresh Christmas centerpieces £5
- Fresh Mistletoe bunches £2

2nd Hand Book Stall

Books suggested donation £1

2nd Hand Uniform Stall

- Branded sweatshirts and cardigans £4
- Branded polo shirts, PE shirts, pinafores, summer dresses £2
- Non branded polo shirts, skirts and trousers £1
- Branded fleeces £5

2nd Hand Fancy Dress Stall

Priced individually

Game Stalls

- *Golden Carrot 20p - need to find the golden carrot for a stamp
- *Snowball Toss 20p - need three snowballs in for a stamp
- *Rudolph Hoola - 20p one hoop on for a stamp
- *Childrens Tombola £1 (every ticket wins)
- *Glitter tattoo and face paint £1

Cake Stall

Slice of cake or cup cake – 50p

Arts & Crafts

- *Mini wreath making - £1
- *Mini Christmas arrangement making £1
- *Christmas Art Bike - £1

Refreshments

Minced pie with complementary mulled wine £2

Raffle

£1 ticket £5 a strip

**Get your card stamped at these stalls,
when your card is full you can claim a prize.*