

Dear Parents and Carers

I am hoping to see lots of you at the WPFA Christmas Market tomorrow afternoon, if you can make it. The choir will open the market at 3pm so please come along to listen to them if you possibly can. You will then have a little bit of time to do any secret shopping you may need to do before collecting your children from the playgrounds. The WPFA have organised some fantastic stall holders, many of whom were at the market last year, so you already know the quality of what's on offer. They have also organised a Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and the prizes will be ready for collection from that afternoon.

Please make sure you check the blue column of the newsletter for all upcoming events in school if you haven't got a school calendar. The only date that has changed is the Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day which you hopefully know is now on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December as we are closed for polling on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Please do not go out and buy a Christmas jumper especially for the day, I am very happy for your children to decorate an existing jumper or just to wear a red or green top. This should just replace their school jumper for the day and be worn with their school uniform.

I'd also like to just clarify, after a number of enquiries that we are assuming all of the children are having a Christmas dinner unless you have let us know otherwise. So if your child is having the Christmas dinner you don't need to anything (except pay if they are in the juniors).

There are two new dates on the list, as Mrs Holder is holding maths sessions for parents next week. These sessions will show you how maths is approached in school now and Mrs Holder promises there won't be any tests! These sessions will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you might have about how maths is taught, as well as getting an understanding of things your child is learning and will be learning in the future. Both sessions will cover the same information so please email the school office [widewell.office@horizonmat.com](mailto:widewell.office@horizonmat.com) letting us know which session you would like to attend.

At parents' evenings before half term, Mrs Gifford spoke to many of our service families and gave out Reading Force information. If you didn't receive this please let your child's class teacher know and we will get it sent out to you next week.

Finally, we have noticed some children are on the playground before 8:20am, which is far too early as they are unsupervised. Please ensure your children don't arrive before 8:35am if they walk to school on their own. Please also make sure your children are dressed for the weather that is forecast for the whole day, as they spend as much time outside at break and lunchtimes as possible and it is getting colder.

I look forward to seeing you at some of the events listed on the newsletter before the end of term.

Kind regards,

Claire Prynne