



Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 12 – Wednesday 29th November 2023

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us. This week all the children have been making Christmas decorations for the school - this year's theme is Christmas trees, so by Friday I am hoping to be surrounded by more than 400 mini trees of all different designs!

There is chilly weather forecast so please do make sure that your children come to school with a warm coat, hats and gloves and of course all named.

The year ones enjoyed a trip to a local Church this morning. They all had a lovely time learning about Church and the adults came back very proud of how brilliantly they had all represented Mayfield.

Sarah Stepney

Are You, or Could You Be, a Childminder?

Existing Childminders – we are starting a list of registered childminders who can offer childcare to Mayfield children so that we can signpost parents to local provision. If you are a registered childminder and would like to be on our list please contact Kate Challis at kchallis@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk

Could you be a childminder? We know that there is currently unmet demand for after school childcare for Mayfield pupils. If you are interested in becoming a childminder this site contains lots of useful information: <https://childmindinguk.com/becoming-a-childminder> Once you are registered and up and running we will be happy to add you to our list.

Chess Club Update

Chess club now open to Year 4 pupils.
It is a chess club primarily requested by Year 6 and run by a Year 6 pupil. We can have more in the classroom so we are now offering out to Year 4.
Chess club is on 12:25 to 1:00 in 2E on a Wednesday.

Children In Need Update

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and took part in Children in Need on Friday 17th November. We raised a grand total of £662.64!!



Claim Your Lost Property

Come and claim any lost property on **Wednesday 6th December** during the Rocksteady Concerts from **9am**. It will be available in the front entrance to have a look through and grab any items that belong to you.

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert



We have once again been invited to host our 2023 KS2 concert at St. Matthew's Church, St Matthew's Street, Cambridge CBI 2LT on **Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm.** The concert usually lasts an hour and a half with mince pies, mulled wine and juice to follow.

If your child is performing, with their class, choir or orchestra, then they will need to be at the church by 6.15pm. Although this will not be a ticketed event, we ask that you do accompany your own children to ensure that there is adequate adult supervision. Class teachers of KS2 classes are currently rehearsing songs with the children to perform at St. Matthew's.

Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 have their own events at a different time.

Rudolf Run



On **Friday 8th December**, Arthur Bear, or his substitute – Reindeer Stepney (!), will be joining us to support the children as they run laps of the field to raise money for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

The Hospice are providing a pair of antlers for every child to wear when they run and they get to keep them as a souvenir! If your child would like to come dressed in red or brown for the day to complete the Rudolph look then that would be great.

Donations for this welcomed via your child's ParentPay account.

Children's Christmas Lunch Tuesday 19th December

The children's Christmas lunch is on **Tuesday 19th December.**

Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils will have a free Christmas lunch - there is no need to pre-book this. We will assume your child is having a Christmas lunch – please let Shapla in the office know if this is not the case: skhan@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - bookings must be made **before Monday 4th December.** Please book and pay online using ParentPay. www.parentpay.com

- In ParentPay add Christmas Lunch 2023 to your basket. Please mention in the notes field if your child would like the vegetarian option.
- You will then need to checkout and pay.
- The actual money will not be taken from your lunch money balance until the day of the meal.
- Bookings will not be taken after 4th December.
- If you have already paid in advance for meals this term please book and pay for a Christmas lunch and the £2.50 you have already paid will be carried forward to next term.
- If your KS2 child is entitled to Free School Meals we will assume they are having a Christmas lunch – please let Shapla know if this is not the case.

If you have not yet registered for ParentPay and would like a reminder of your login details please contact me on kchallis@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk or via the school office. Please note that there will be **no other menu options on Tuesday 19th December.**



News from the PTA

Year 4 Bake Sale - Friday 8th December

Next Friday will see our last bake sale of 2023, with **Year 4** providing the bakes. Please bring your small change along and join us on the Infant Playground from 3.15pm until the bakes sell out!

Find out more at fundmayfield.com/events

Christmas tree collection

The bake sale will have a bit of a festive feel to it as we will also be having the first of our **Christmas tree collection days**. We'll have some Christmas music playing, mistletoe to sell and some mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy (donations welcome).

If you ordered your tree through us – a huge THANK YOU! We have raised over £1,400 from tree sales which is amazing and has surpassed all expectations! Please come and collect your tree from the Infant Playground as follows:

Friday 8th December 3.15pm – 6pm

Saturday 9th December, 9am – 12noon

Winter Craft Days

Our craft days are fast approaching! Here's a breakdown of the two days:

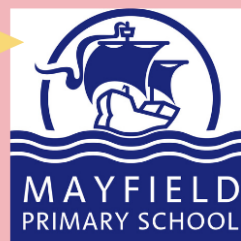
KS2 day – Friday 15th December	KS1 day – Monday 18th December
9.10 – 10.10am – Year 3	9.10 – 10.10am – Year 1
10.30 – 11.30am – Year 4	10.30 – 11.30am – Year 2
1.30 – 2.20pm – Year 5	1.45 – 3.15pm - Reception
2.30 – 3.20pm – Year 6	

Please [sign up](#) to help on the day if you can - helping for just your child's session would make a huge difference to the whole day (and we're sure your kids would love having you in school too)!

We're also having a prep morning at school on Saturday 9th December between 10am and 12noon – if you're able to help please sign up using the link for either the [KS1](#) or [KS2](#) sign up sheet.

Find out more and sign up to help at fundmayfield.com/events

December Dates



Lots going on in December so we've put School and PTA activities in one place for you!

TUES
5
2.45PM
Year 2 Christmas Performance

WEDS
6
MORNING
Rocksteady Concert

WEDS
6
2-3PM
Reception & Y1 Christmas Performance

WEDS
6
6.30- 8PM
KS2 Christmas Performance at St Matthew's

THURS
7
9.15-10.15AM
Reception & Y1 Christmas Performance

FRI
8
9.15AM
Rudolf Run

PTA event
FRI
8
FROM 3.15PM
Year 4 bake sale + Christmas tree collection

SAT
9
PTA event
9AM-12NOON
Christmas tree collection

TUES
12
PTA event
FROM 7.30PM
PTA meeting - in the pub!

PTA event
FRI / MON
15 / 18
ALL DAY
KS2 / KS1 Christmas Craft Days

TUES
19
LUNCHTIME
School Christmas lunch

WEDS
20
ALL DAY
Last day of term - see you in the new year!

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