

13th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally come to the end of a very busy term. Hopefully the Christmas break will enable children, staff and families to relax and keep well over Christmas.

Not feeling Christmassy yet??



Don't forget to come and join us for "Carols in the Carpark" tonight. Parents and children are welcome to gather round fire bowls, sing traditional carols and Christmas songs and enjoy hot chocolate, mulled wine, mince pies and hotdogs.

All families welcome to join as for this event from 6.00pm to 6.35pm.

Wear something warm!!

Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements

Our current system of entering and exiting the school is a throwback to covid times. Once the building work for the Tomlin Centre started (35 weeks ago) it seemed appropriate to keep the same system. We are expecting the building work to be completed mid January so will be streamlining the start and finish times to make it simpler for working parents.

The start of the school day is **8.40am**. This is when all children in Years 1 - 6 **MUST** be in school. We recognise that it is convenient for parents to be able to drop off earlier if possible. From the first week in February 2024 these times will apply:-

Start of the Day

Year 1 Children come into school at 8.30am (as before). Pick up time from outside the classroom at 3.00pm Year 2 Children can come into school at 8.30am (via the same gate). They no longer have to wait with parents until 8.40am

Year 3 Children can come into school from 8.30am via the same gate (as before by pre-school)

Years 4 5 and 6

Children can come into school via the Arundel Road gate. We will open this at 8.25am to avoid blocking the pavement.

All children MUST be in school by 8.40am or they will be late

End of the Day

Children in Years 1 and 2 finish at 3.00pm Children in Years 3 – 6 finish at 3.05pm

Reception Children

Children will come into school at 8.40am. Children will be collected at 3.00pm as before.

These arrangements will mean parents can drop off earlier and parents with children in Infants and Juniors will have less waiting time. This comes into effect **Monday 5th February 2024**.



Many thanks to our PTA for arranging a very successful "Breakfast with Santa" for our Infant children and a movie night for the Juniors. All the children seemed to have an amazing time.

Dates for your diary

REMAINING INSET Days May I remind you that the

school is closed for staff training on Monday 19th February 2024 Monday 22nd July 2024 Tuesday 23rd July 2024



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Autumn Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 13 th December	9.30am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play to parents
	12.00 -	and carers
	1.00pm	Chartwells Christmas Lunch (pre-
	2.30pm	ordered on ParentPay by 30 th
	6.00pm	November)
		EYFS Christmas Nativity to parents
		Carol Service outside weather
		permitting
Thursday 14 th December	Pm	Christmas parties in classes
Friday 15 th December		Last Day of School
First day back after Christmas is Tuesday 2 nd January 2024		



St Margaret's Church

Celebrating The Birth of Jesus

Join us for one or more of our celebrations this festive season

> **Panto: A Lad In A Manger** (book your tickets via our website) Saturday 9th Dec, 2:00pm & 7.00pm

> > Family Carol Service Sunday 17th Dec, 10.00am

Traditional Carol Service Sunday 17th Dec 3.30pm & 6.00pm

> Christingle Sunday 24th Dec, 2.30pm & 4.30pm

Midnight Communion Sunday 24th Dec, 11.15pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec, 10am

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE



And the angel said unto them,

On behalf of the staff may I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Yours sincerely **Mike Jee Headteacher**

