December 2023



Dear Parent / Carer

Headteacher Dr Jane Tinker BSc MA(Ed) EdD NPQH

As the end of term is fast approaching, we thought it would be timely to inform you of a few arrangements:

Christmas Tree: We would like to thank Leaton Forest for supplying our Christmas tree this year. If parent/carers have any unwanted Christmas decorations, we would love to give them a new home.

Lost property: We have again accumulated large amounts of lost property; pupils will be informed when this is on display, to reclaim any missing items. Anything unclaimed by the end of term will be recycled through Corbet Clothes or donated to charity.

Christmas Lunch: This year we are going to designate **Tuesday 19th December** as "Christmas Lunch Day". Tutors have spoken with their tutees about this, the only option that will be available that day will be a roast turkey dinner or vegetarian option (£3.50), which can be purchased using their ParentPay account as normal. There is also no additional charge for pupils entitled to free school meals. Those who do not wish to have Christmas lunch should bring a packed lunch please.

Please note There will be a break service on this day however it will be a limited selection. To continue with the festivities there will also be hot chocolate and biscuits available to purchase during break-time. We would like to introduce a pay it forward scheme and more information of this will be available closer to the time. We would also like to ask for any donations of instant hot chocolate, marshmallows, and cream for this.

Christmas Jumper Day, Tuesday 19th December: Along with Christmas Lunch Day, pupils can come to school in their Christmas jumpers, worn with school uniform. We won't be asking for cash donations for this; however, we would be happy to rehome any outgrown or unwanted Christmas Jumpers.

Thursday 21st December: The school day will finish at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays. Those pupils who usually travel on school transport will be collected at 1.30pm. We would kindly ask other parents and pupils to make necessary arrangements to be collected at 1.30pm. There will be no transport provision at the normal finish time of 3.20pm. Please note that there will be no lunchtime canteen service on this day, although there will be the usual morning break service. Pupils entitled to free school meals will be able to use their provision at morning break.

- PD Day, Monday 8th January, staff only in school
- Pupils return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024

Yours sincerely

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