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Christmas at Whiteshill!

Over the next two weeks there is an awful lot going on at Whiteshill so I thought it was best to send a letter home explaining when everything is and how it all works! Having not experienced Christmas at Whiteshill myself before, I am learning from the staff all about nativity etc and it all sounds like a great way to end the Autumn term and really put us all in the mood for Christmas.

FOWS Christmas Disco!

First up, the Friends of Whiteshill School have organised a disco after school this Friday 14th December. There will be two sessions as follows:

Class 1 and 2 – 3.30 – 5.00pm

Class 3 and 4 – 5.15 – 6.45pm

The younger children in class 1 and 2 will stay at the end of school and go straight to the disco so they do not need to be picked up at 3.15. Please can they bring their party clothes (if they want to) in a plastic bag to school in the morning and the staff will help them change at the end of the day ready for the disco to start at 3.30. If you would like to come up to help your child at 3.15 you are very welcome to but you do not need to. The disco will take place in the hall with the supervision of the Friends and staff members and you can pick your child up from the hall at 5.00pm so that we can be sure they all get home safely. **At the moment, we need 2 more helpers to stay for this disco in order for it to go ahead so if you are available to help please come up to the office to sign up.**

Class 3 and 4 will need to be picked up from school as normal at 3.15pm and can then come back to school in their party gear at 5.15pm. They will need to be signed in to the school and then you can pick them up again at 6.45pm from the hall. Parents are not able to stay for the disco as there is not enough room in the school hall.

The disco is a free event funded by the Friends of Whiteshill School and as part of the ticket all the children will be given a hot dog (or two!) and some candy floss! If your child has any dietary requirements we are not aware of, or you would prefer your child not to have either of these, please let us know in the office as soon as possible.

Christmas Jumper Days

Friday 14th December will be a Christmas jumper day so that the children can have fun and also support 'Save the Children' by donating £1 per jumper. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, anything festive will be fine – add tinsel to an old t-shirt or wear red and green. Festive jumpers can also be worn on Tuesday 18th for Christmas lunch day so that they get some more wear out of them! Although it is the disco after, please can children just wear their Christmas jumper/top/shirt during the

day with the rest of their clothes being school uniform. Class 1 and 2 children can bring any additional party clothes in a bag to change into after school if they choose to.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 18th December. You do not need to pre-order this meal as your child can order his/her lunch in the usual way at morning registration. Children in Class 1 and 2's meal will be free as usual and Class 3 and Class 4 will be charged £2.36 via Parentpay. Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash or cheques for school lunches. If you do not have a Parentpay account already set up, please see Mrs Angove in the school Office. In the morning, the children will have done their final dress rehearsal down at the church so as a treat in the afternoon they will all be watching a film in the hall together to ensure they are all rested ready for Nativity on Wednesday.

Nativity

This year's Nativity play is called 'Prickly Hay' and will be performed by the whole school at Whiteshill Church at 2pm and 6pm on Wednesday 19th December. Please do come down to the church to support the children – they have been working very hard over the last week and are really excited to share it with you! If your child is in class 1 or 2, you should have received letters about costumes etc but please do talk to Miss Boor or Mrs Woods if you are not sure about anything. Although the play is acted by the younger children, they rely on the rest of the school to support them with the singing and so it is really important that as many children as possible attend the evening performance to ensure it is a special moment for them. The whole school have been practising the songs together and it is a really lovely way to end the term for all of them to be part of it together.

Christmas Forest School

On the final day of school, Friday 21st December, the whole school will be walking up to the forest first thing in the morning to take part in some winter activities and enjoy a mulled wine/juice around the campfire. If you are able to join us, please do! The more the merrier! More details will follow in the newsletter on Thursday.

Please note that Forest School is cancelled for both class 1 and 2 this week (Friday 14th December) so normal forest school will resume when we return on Friday 11th January for both classes.

As always, if you have any questions at all please do ask and look out for the newsletter on Thursday for more details about next week.

Kind Regards



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