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## Lyndhurst Junior School

A King's Group Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

### December Dates for your Diary

The festive season is nearly upon us, so I wanted to share with you key information and dates.

#### **New this year - Lyndhurst & CPIS Family Carol Service Tuesday 17th December 5:30pm**

This year we have teamed up with Father Ben and The Church of The Ascension (Stubbington Avenue) so that staff, parents and children from both schools can come together to celebrate - families of all faiths and none are welcome. Come along and join us in singing carols and hearing about the Christmas story. This is a community event so there is no requirement for children to wear uniform.

#### **Gift Collection for The Roberts Centre**

A huge "thank you" to those of you who have been able to donate new/unwanted gifts to Lyndhurst's collection for The Roberts Centre. If you are able to make a donation please ensure it is with us by **Monday 9th December** so that the gifts can be given out in time for Christmas.



#### **Christmas Dinner**

**Years 3 and 5** will be on **Wednesday 11th December**. If your child is in Years 4 or 6, please either order a school packed lunch or provide one from home, which will be eaten in classrooms. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

**Years 4 and 6** will be on **Thursday 12th December**. If your child is in Years 3 or 5, please either order a school packed lunch or provide one from home, which will be eaten in classrooms. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.



#### **Jumper Day - Friday 13th December**

Jumper Day is a non-uniform day in support of Save the Children. Please ensure that your child brings in their charitable donation of £1. Children are encouraged to wear festive clothing but this is not a requirement.

#### **Christmas Party Day - Friday 13th December**

Friday 13th December is the Lyndhurst Christmas Party Day. Class parties will take place during the day and parents will be asked to contribute party food or accessories such as plates to help the children celebrate. Your child's class teacher will explain to them what their class is contributing this year during the first week in December. Party food will be eaten during lunchtime in classrooms. The kitchen will provide party food for children in receipt of free school meals - there will be no other school dinners that day. If your child has a particular dietary need, you may wish to provide her/him with a packed lunch.



### Christmas Raffle

Tickets are already on sale for our Christmas raffle and the ever popular giant TY teddies are ready to be won along with a Body Shop pamper party, prosecco, Tesco vouchers and more! Tickets are on sale from the School Office, priced at £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 19th December.

### Christmas Performances

Wednesday 18th December			
9:15	Copenhagen Lima Hanoi Lusaka	10:15	Oslo Washington Tokyo Port Louis
Thursday 19th December			
9:15	Stockholm Ottawa Kathmandu Cape Town	10:15	Helsinki Santiago Singapore Maputo

Please note that because of limited space we can only allow two people to attend per pupil. Due to GDPR we regret that you will not be able to film the performances or take photographs but this does mean that you can more easily enjoy the special moment as it happens.

### Supporting Portsmouth Foodbank

Rather than sell tickets to Christmas performances, we'd like to give families the opportunity to make a donation to the Portsmouth Foodbank. Please remember the Foodbank would also appreciate donations of toiletries for both adults and children (no aerosols). We will be accepting donations in classrooms/School Office on **Wednesday 11th** and **Thursday 12th December**.



### School Christmas Carol Service

On **Friday 20th December** the whole school, staff and children, will be attending a special carol service at The Church of the Ascension. We will be leaving school at 10.45 and returning in time for lunch. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a whole school to celebrate.


### End of Term - early finish

Term ends on **Friday 20th December** and **school will be closing at 1.25pm**.

**Please note that Kids Club will only be open for the breakfast session on this day.**

I do hope that you find having all of our December dates in one place helpful. We look forward to seeing you at the Family Carol Service and Christmas performances next month.

Yours sincerely,

  
Ms. A. Beechurst  
Head of School