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Dates of Interest

Christmas Holiday

We break up for the Christmas holiday tomorrow and we wish you all a happy and relaxing break. We are looking forward to next term when children will be learning about Ancient Greece as part of a project on The Olympics. We look forward to seeing you on our return on **Wednesday 4 January**.

End of Term Service

Just a reminder that parents, family and friends are invited to our end of term service at St John's Church **tomorrow at 1.30 pm**. As usual children will be taking an active part in the service and can be collected when the service ends or at the normal time.

Star Pupils

A very big well done to our Star Pupils this week who all helped to make our school play 'Silent Night' so successful. They are:

Leah, Rebecca A, Jack A and Tommy

Christmas Decoration Competition

We are delighted to announce the winners of our Christmas decoration competition. For the best table decoration we would like to congratulate **Keira** and **Laura M**, and for the best Christmas tree decoration, we would like to congratulate **Jack J** and **Natasha**. We hope the winners all enjoyed munching their way through their chocolate reindeer and snowmen prizes!

Christmas Disco

Thank you to parents who brought food and drink into School for our Christmas disco and those that were able to help. As usual all the work paid off as children had a fantastic time.

Thank You

Thank you to parents, family and friends who have come to see our children perform over the past week. Our school choir sang brilliantly on their own at St Oswald's Church last Thursday and were more than an equal match to the much larger primaries also there! The school play 'Silent Night' was a real delight to watch and it was clear that children had worked really hard to achieve such a polished performance. Well done to all the children and a special thanks to Mrs Hindson for helping to rehearse the children.



Every Day at 8.15am
Early morning Club
£1.00

Friday 16 Dec
1) End of term service at St John's 1.30pm
2) Break up 3.15pm

Tues 3 Jan
PD Day for staff

Wed 4 Jan
1) Return to School
2) Art Club to 4.30pm

Thurs 5 Jan
ICT Club to 4.00pm

Fri 6 Jan
PE lesson

Advance notices

Thurs 26 January
Bags to School collection

Mon 13 Feb - Fri 17 Feb
Spring Half Term Holiday

School Uniform

Please note that SchoolTrends is implementing a small increase in the cost of school uniform as from **9 January 2012**. Please note we also currently have several items of used uniform in the School Office.

Pupil Premium Funding

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium' and for every child registered the School gets £600 this school year. For the School to obtain funding, parents need to register their child as eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). Even if you do not want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal - as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £600 extra.

You must register before or straight after Christmas not to miss out on funding in the New Year. You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Registering is really quick and easy - if you think you qualify, please see the School Office and we will help you to register. Alternatively, you can go straight to the Council's website and register on-line at www.shropshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals.nsf . No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.



