

Christmas Tree Festival

Each class will be decorating their class Christmas tree and photos of all trees will be shared with all classes in school. Children will choose their favourite Christmas tree and that class will receive a prize. The Christmas tree photos will be shared on the school website so parents and carers can visit the Christmas tree festival virtually.



Photo Calendars

We will be selling 2022 calendars with a photo of your child/children on as we have in previous years. Where you have more than one child in school, each will have their photo taken separately, but all photos will be added to one calendar. Calendars will be available for purchase during the week of 6th December, you will need to bring £2.00 to put in the pot outside the classroom to receive your calendar. If you want more than one calendar, you will need to order extra calendars by Friday 10th December at the latest to be received before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

Speedwell Infant School

Christmas Special

2021

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Information

We are starting to plan our Christmas activities in school, but still need to take into account the importance of keeping everyone as safe as possible during the ongoing Covid pandemic. Our school risk assessment still means children and staff are working in year group bubbles indoors and we are still restricting visitors to school. Keeping our safety measures in place, we have planned the following activities in this newsletter for Christmas.

Christmas Raffle

We will be holding a Christmas raffle, and you will be able to buy virtual tickets at the classroom doors at the beginning and end of each day during the week of 6th December. Tickets will cost £1.00. There will be a pot for you to place your money in, the staff member will record how many tickets you have purchased and your name will be placed in the electronic randomiser that number of times. During the week of 13th December the electronic randomiser will select winning names, and winners will be contacted to collect their prizes from the school office.

If you have any suitable donations for prizes for the raffle, please hand them to your child's teacher.

Christmas Concerts

The children will be learning some songs, dressing up, and perform their concerts in the school hall in their year group bubbles. Staff will video the concert and this will be placed on the school website in the class section, with a password to watch the video as we did last year. All parents / carers in the class will be provided with the password so they can watch the video at home with family. We are sure the children will also enjoy watching their Christmas concert with you.

Most parents and carers have signed to say their children can be on the school website. If you did not agree to this, we will get in touch with you to check whether you would like your child to be part of the video. If anyone thinks they did agree and now doesn't wish their child to be part of the video, please contact the school office at info@speedwell.derbyshire.sch.uk

Christmas Pantomime

Children in classes 3, 4 and 5 will be going to the pantomime on Wednesday 8th December. You will have received an email about this on November 9th. Please let the office know if you have not received it and they can resend it to you. Please complete the form and return your contribution if you have not already. Thank you if you have completed the online consent form and sent in your voluntary contribution.

Children in classes 1 and 2 will be watching a performance by Professor Popup in school on the morning of Wednesday 8th December.

Christmas Parties

We know how much children enjoy their Christmas parties, so each year group will be having their own Christmas party in their year group bubble. They will take place during the last week of term, and children can come dressed in their party outfit on their class party day – Please see dates below. We have been in touch with Santa, and although he can't join the parties this year as he has to stay in his North Pole bubble until Christmas Eve, he is going to arrange for the children's Christmas presents to be delivered to school ready for the Christmas parties.

Class 1 party day – Monday 20th December

Class 2 party day – Monday 20th December

Class 3 party day – Tuesday 21st December

Class 4 party day – Tuesday 21st December

Class 5 party day – Wednesday 22nd December

Christmas Dinner Day

The school kitchen will serve Christmas dinner on Friday 10th December for children in school. Classes will have their Christmas dinner in their usual year group bubbles on this day. We would like to encourage children to come to school in a Christmas jumper on this day and make a donation to school funds. Pots will be available outside classroom doors on the morning of 10th December to put your donation in.