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Next Week's Diary

MONDAY

am Christmas Special Assembly

TUESDAY

2.30pm Pre-Prep Christmas Concert

WEDNESDAY

8.50am Years 3 to 8 Internal Awards9.00am Pre-Prep Internal Awards10.00am Nursery Christmas Party

Christmas Lunch

1.00pm Pre-Prep Christmas Party

THURSDAY

am Staff Pantomime Performances

for children

2.00pm The Big Bash

5.00pm & Staff Pantomime Performances

7.30pm for families

FRIDAY

9.15am Pre-Prep to Aladdin in

Basingstoke

3.00pm Prep Carol Service

End of Term (see page 4) FYMS Discos (see page 3)

Important After School Club & Coach Information

After school clubs will be running on Monday, and Wednesday as usual except that there will be **no modern dance clubs**

Tuesday:

There will be no clubs or late class for Pre-Prep children after their concert on Tuesday afternoon.

No ballet clubs

Thursday and Friday

There will be no clubs or late supervision for Nursery, Pre-Prep or Prep children on these nights and no early shuttle bus.

Coaches leave at 4.30pm and will follow the normal late coach routes. They will therefore arrive at bus stops an hour and ten minutes earlier than usual.

All children must be collected by 4.40pm.

Nursery's Nativity

The Nursery children gave a great performance of their Christmas play, Our First Nativity, for an audience of parents, grandparents and siblings.

The children all looked lovely in their beautiful costumes and sang their songs with real enthusiasm. The whole production was enchanting and it was obvious that the children really enjoyed performing for their audience. More photos will be on the school's Facebook page soon.



A Gritty Future

Robert Upton's latest blog can be found on the School website. The following is a taster:

What if doing well in school and in life depends on much more than your ability to learn quickly and easily? Either of these will lead our children to successful adult lives, or so we might believe. Yet perhaps there are other indicators for success, one in particular that we should really challenge our children to achieve.

To read the rest of this article and other <u>blog entries visit the website</u>.

End of Term Arrangements

Full details about the arrangements for the final week of term can be found on page four of INAMOS. Please consult this article for parent events and for <u>early finish times for Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep children.</u>

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

The festively wrapped shoeboxes that were piled high around the Christmas tree in Reception have been collected by Jan Howlin of the Wokingham Branch of the Salvation Army and will be distributed to children in the local community in time for Christmas. Jan was delighted with the boxes and has asked for her thanks to be passed on to the Yateley Manor Community.

Thank you to everyone who created and donated a shoe box, for choosing the items with such care and for making the boxes look so beautiful. We know that they will give lots of children a happier Christmas than they might otherwise have had.



Carol Service Tickets

Tickets for the Carol Service will be put into tutors pigeon holes on Monday and should arrive home on either Monday or Tuesday. Please check that yours arrive safely.

LAMDA

Please note that there will be no LAMDA sessions next week. This includes the early morning and the lunchtime sessions. Sessions will restart next term.

Ballet & Modern Dance

Please note that there will be no Ballet or Modern Dances clubs next week. Clubs will restart next term

Horse Riding Option

All riders should have received a letter about horse riding option for next term. Please reply by the end of term.

Horse Riding option will start on the first Wednesday of the Spring Term, 8th January. Do not forget your riding kit!

Chess Masterclass

Letters about next term's chess masterclass (Tuesday evenings 5.30 - 7.00pm) have been handed out.

The first session will be on the first Tuesday of term, 7th January and will be for group B. Please make sure that your replies are returned to school as soon as possible.

Breakfast Service

Please remember that Pre-Prep children should always be accompanied by a parent or guardian if they have breakfast at school. They should not attend breakfast alone. Thank you.

Blazers in School

A reminder that children in Years 3 to 8 will need to wear their blazers for the Yateley Manor Carol Service on the final day of term, Friday 13th December.

Christmas Carols in the Community

The Chamber Choir visited elderly members of the community to share music and the spirit of Christmas with them. Twenty two members of the choir visited the WRVS lunch club at Hedgecroft



on Wednesday and Willow Gardens Residential Home on Thursday where they sang a programme of Christmas Carols and other festive songs. Their beautiful singing was really appreciated by the older residents who enjoyed both the music and being visited by young people. For the children it was a chance to give something back to the community.

Winter Ensemble Concert

The eight musical ensembles, Senior Manor Singers, the Chamber Choir, Senior Strings, Intermediate Strings, Manor Rocks, Wind Band, Ukulele Group and Percussion Group, took part in Tuesday evening's Winter Ensemble Concert and produced a wonderful evening of music for families and friends. More than 80 children played a range of music from Coldplay's *Yellow* (Manor Rocks), to *It Don't Mean a Thing if*





it Ain't Got That Swing (Wind Band) and from The Rose (Senior Manor Singers) to John Ryan's Polka (Intermediate Strings). More than a hint of Christmas crept in too with performances of Deck the Hall, Jingle Bells and Jingle Bell Rock. Very well done to all the children who took part, to Mrs Hustler and to the music staff who prepared and supported the children.

The Big Bash

The Prep children's plans for their Big Bash stalls are now mostly in place. It is up to them to collect together everything they need and to make sure they bring it all into school on Thursday morning. They will have time to set up their stalls during the morning. Year 1 and 2 children are invited to join in the fun and try out some of the stalls.

We hope that lots of children will also take part in the themed dressing up competition, *Christmas Hats!* Children should come to school in their normal uniform and bring their competition wear for the afternoon. Children in all years are also encouraged to bring their Christmas jumpers to school to wear during the event.

The emphasis of the afternoon is on fun and all the money raised will go to this year's school charity, BIBS.

Children should bring in **small change**, up to a maximum of £5, in a named envelope to be handed to their form teacher at the start of the day.

This unique Yateley Manor tradition always leaves everyone exhilarated and exhausted, so there are no after school clubs or supervision for Prep or Pre-Prep children. The Nursery also closes at 4.00pm. There will be no early shuttle bus or 5.40pm coaches. Coaches will leave at 4.30pm and will follow the normal late coach routes. They will therefore arrive at bus stops an hour and ten minutes earlier than usual.

Congratulations to ...

Francesca (6SKP)

who received her Chief Scout Silver Award from the District Commissioner at a service at St Peter's Church. Well done



Francesca

Happy Birthday

Arthavit Anoop 7
Francesca Barr 8
Leo Batcheler 3
Tishya Bhattacharjee 8
Rhys Davies 12
Jasper Dobson 8
Anya Hagen 13
Grace Harvey 7
Ethan Knight 10
Guy Miller 12
Immi Miller 12
Zariah Mockett 6
Dylan Sehmi 9
Isaac Tarry 9



Staff Pantomime

There are still a few tickets for the staff pantomime, *Once Upon a Time*. Children will see the show during school time but we know many will want to see it again and bring their parents to join in the fun!

The show will also be performed on Thursday 12th December at 5.00pm and again at 7.30pm for parents, families and pupils who would like to see it again.

Tickets are strictly limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis with all profits going to this year's Charity of the Year. Ticket prices will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children with family tickets priced at £15.00. Ticket requests must be accompanied by full payment. If you are sending your child to buy tickets please send them with a cheque payable to Yateley Manor School rather than cash.

Years 5 - 8 House Hockey

Years 5 to 8 House Hockey will take place on the Eversley Astro next Wednesday afternoon starting at 2.15pm. Girls need to remember to bring their gum shields to school on that day.

Matches this Week

Reports on all of this week's basketball, netball and rugby matchs can be found here.

FYMS Corner

End of Term Discos

The **End of Term Discos** for Prep children take place on 13th December as follows:

Years 3 to 5 6.15 - 7.30pm Years 6 to 8 7.45 - 9.00pm

Please remember to bring your signed form (<u>which you can download here</u>) and the £5 entry fee with you on the night.

FYMS Christmas Puddings

FYMS are again selling their Christmas Puddings. Their new supplier, Goodness Baked, is a family owned and operated bakery. As well as traditional pudding they have a couple of alternatives:

Traditional Christmas Pudding (454g – serves 4) £8 Luxury Chcolate Pudding (290g – serves 3/4) £6 Sticky Toffee Pudding (290g – serves 3/4) £6

Why not place an order with FYMS and tick one thing off your list of Christmas preparations and, at the same time, raise money for the school. To order please complete the <u>form which can be found here</u> by Monday 9th December. Payment should to be made by PayPal please to <u>fymsdonations@gmail.com</u> Puddings will be ready to collect from School Reception from Tuesday 10th December.

FYMS Christmas Fayre

Last Saturday's FYMS Yateley Yule Christmas Fayre was an excellent family afternoon which raised over £2,000 - a great boost to their fundraising.

There was plenty on offer for everyone. The children were kept busy visiting Santa in his Grotto, having their faces painted and shopping for Christmas presents for their parents. The beautiful tones of the School Choirs created a lovely festive atmosphere and there were plenty of exciting stalls to visit and delicious refreshments for everyone. The Year 7 and 8 children sportingly dressed up as elves to welcome everyone to the Fayre.

A huge thank you to Natalie Harris-Briggs and her team from FYMS for organising such a great event, to everyone who helped on the day and to all the parents, children and staff who attended. FYMS have asked us to thank: Justine, Jasper and Ginny Burton, Hannah Wilson, Jamie Sheffield, Victoria and Richard Longworth, Eric and Grant Anderson, Nadine Middleton, Matthew Gasser, Nick and Natasha Mockett, Clair Cantelo, Rachael Neville, Hannah Innes, Jo Wells, Will van Heerden, Ramya Gupta, Rita Kearns, Hanne Hoff, Marilyn Course, David Stott, Kate and Max Ballantine, Jo, Lizzie, Ollie and Emily Chestnutt, Anne Pickard, Stacey Osborne, Ashleigh Brown, Harprett Basra, Lakshmi Lal, Bola Gibson, Lauren Porter, Oliver Waddington, Madi Freer, Megan Hancock, Poppy Everest, William Moore, Christopher Stubbs, Rory Minson, Christian Dawber, Toby Shrubsall, Ryan Tan, Joe Lockwood, Alex Purslow, Leo Ramkissoon, Rhys Davies, Sarah-Jane Butler, Eva McLoughlin, Ben Mullaney, Charlie Ellis, Miss Callan, Naddy and Tristian Pinsonneault, James and Freya Upton.



LUNCHTIME MENU: AUTUMN TERM WEEK 13 w/c 9th December



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Red Lentil		Christmas Lunch	Picnic Lunch	Picnic Lunch
MAIN COURSE	Basil Marinated Mediterranean Chicken	Selection of Pizza Slices	Roast saddle of Turkey Gravy, Smoked Bacon, Chipolatas, Stuffing Balls	Sausages (Nursery and Pre-Prep) Burgers (Prep)	Sandwiches for Nursery and Pre-Prep
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Slow Roasted Red Pepper Frittata served with a green salad	Selection of Vegetarian Pizza Slices	Brie & Cranberry Parcels and Cheddar & Herb Sausages (v)	Veggie Sausages and Veggie Burgers	Freshly Baked White and Granary Baguettes filled with Choice of Ham, Chicken, Cheese,
SIDES	Parsley Buttered New Potatoes Sautéed Courgettes	Crudities	Crispy Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips and Carrots and Sprouts	Chips	Tuna or Egg for Prep Mixed Salad
DESSERTS	Berry Flapjack	Shortbread and Fruit	Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce or Brownie	Flapjack	Cake and fresh fruit

End of Term Timetable

Monday 9th December

• **Special Christmas Assembly with Chris Connaughton.** Chris will be reprising his role as Mr Scrooge. After assembly he will be holding a signing of his Beltheron series of books to children in Year 5 upwards.

Tuesday 10th December

• **Pre-Prep Christmas Concert, 2.30pm, Fyson Blum Hall** All pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in the Pre-Prep Christmas Concert to be held in the Fyson Blum Hall and parents are warmly invited to attend. Information has been emailed home and parents are asked to let us know how many seats they require. <u>Click here to register your requirements</u>. Refreshments will be served for parents from 2.00pm and there will be a retiring collection in aid of our Charity of the Year. Children may be collected from the Pre-Prep steps straight after the concert as clubs and night owls will not operate that evening.

Wednesday 11th December

NB this is the last day for school clubs, Night Owls, late supervision and late coaches for Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep children.

- **Nursery Christmas Party** The **Nursery Christmas Party** starts at 10.00am and all Nursery children are invited to attend, even if they do not normally come to school on Wednesdays. Nursery children may come into school wearing traditional party clothes, if they would like. Please, no lycra or football kit.
- · Christmas Lunch
- **Pre-Prep Christmas Party** The **Pre-Prep Party** will start at 1.00pm and the children will be treated to a visit from Father Christmas followed by entertainment. Pre-Prep children may come into school wearing traditional party clothes, if they would like. Please, no lycra or football kit.

Thursday 12th December

- All children from the Nursery upwards will have the opportunity to see the **Staff Pantomime** during the morning.
- **The Big Bash**, in the afternoon, is a unique Yateley Manor tradition always leaves everyone exhilarated and exhausted, so there are no after school clubs or supervision for Prep, Pre-Prep or Nursery children.
- **Pre-Prep children should be collected at the normal time and Nursery children** should be collected by 4.00pm. **Staggered leaving times** will operate for Prep children: Years 3 & 4 3.50pm, Years 5 & 6 4.05pm, Years 7 & 8 4.20pm. All children (other than those attending the first evening performance of the Staff Pantomime) must be collected by 4.40pm at the latest.
- Children who will be attending the first evening performance (5.00pm) of the staff pantomime will be supervised in Apollonius until their families arrive to join them. They can then move to the Studio for the performance.
- There will be no early shuttle bus on this day and no late coaches. Coaches will leave at 4.30pm and therefore arrive at all stops about an hour and ten minutes earlier than usual. Coaches will follow the usual late coach routes.
- The first ticketed performance of the Staff Pantomime will start at 5.00pm and the second performance at 7.30pm. A few tickets are still available.

Friday 13th December

- **Aladdin, The Anvil, Basingstoke** for children from Reception, Years 1 and 2. They will be taking a school-provided packed lunch with them which they will eat at the theatre.
- Yateley Manor Carol Service: We will be welcoming families to the traditional service which will last around an hour. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served in the Fyson Blum Hall before the Carol Service from 2.30pm. Tickets were put in pigeon holes on Friday so look out for them on Monday. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration of nine lessons and carols. All Prep pupils will be attending and must wear their blazers. Parents who wish to take younger siblings of performers to the service may collect them from classrooms from 2.45pm onwards. The children, however, will need to return to their classrooms after the service to collect their belongings. We are not expecting many Pre-Prep children to attend this service as supervision in Pre-Prep will continue until after the Carol Service has finished.
- Parking on site will be very limited. When parking off site please be considerate to the residents of Yateley and please allow plenty of time to walk to school as we need to start promptly. You will need to bring your tickets to show at the door.
 - Children whose parents have attended the Carol Service are free to go home afterwards. Children will return to classrooms to collect belongings and parents should meet them outside Manor Court as usual. Children in Prep whose parents have not been to the Carol Service will be dismissed at their normal times.
- Pre-Prep children whose parents have not been to the Carol Service must also be collected at their normal times. The School car park will be very busy between 3.50pm and 4.30pm so please avoid this time if you are a Pre-Prep only collector.
- Nursery will finish today at 4.00pm.
- There will be no early shuttle bus on this day and no late coaches. Coaches will leave at 4.30pm and therefore arrive at all stops about an hour and ten minutes earlier than usual. Coaches will follow the usual late coach routes.