

19th November 2021

Holidays are coming!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know our plans leading up to Christmas. We are all very excited in school to begin the festive season and have some exciting events lined up both in school and those supported by our PTA. In a bid to fully prepare everyone of what to look forward to, please see key dates and events below:

Christmas Cards

Children have been busy in school designing Christmas cards, which you may wish to order. Card designs will be coming home from today until Tuesday. **Please return your order forms with money by Friday 26th November so designs can be printed.**

Tuesday 7th December – Movie Night

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 – 3:15-4:00 (children can bring a teddy to school to share a short film with). Children will receive some cinema-style treats. **£3 paid on the day.**

Year 3 – Year 6 – 4:15-6:15 (children can bring cosy items to watch a film, like a pillow or sleeping bag). Children will receive a sandwich, cinema-style treats and a drink. **£5 paid on the day.**

Wednesday 8th December – Year 3 Christmas Show

Our poor Year 3s have missed almost all their Nativity performances and so would like to invite parents and carers to their 'Around the World' Christmas show. 2:30 – 3:00.
Max. two adults per child.

Thursday 9th December and Friday 10th December – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

The Christmas classic! Expect songs, the story of Jesus' birth and lots of cuteness. Due to numbers, this will be a ticketed event. More details to follow. 2:00 on both days, with PTA selling mince pies to enthusiastic audiences.

Monday 13th December – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party

Children can come to school wearing party clothes for games and dancing in the hall from 1:30.

Tuesday 14th December – Year 3 – Year 6 Christmas Party

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Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunches, Reindeer Run

Children (and staff!) are invited to wear their most wonderful Christmas jumpers to eat their most delicious Christmas lunches.

The Reindeer Run is a local event that many schools participate in where children may wish to raise sponsorship money for Overgate Hospice in Elland. All children will be given antlers and a bright red nose to take part. **Please bring in sponsorship envelopes on the day.**

Thursday 16th December – PTA Secret Shop

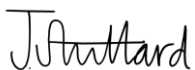
Children can buy gift-wrapped presents for their loved ones to take home to open on Christmas Day. We will make sure all children can buy two presents, before allowing children to purchase more. **£2 per present – paid on the day.**

What a busy (but brilliant) time of year it is! We have one or two further surprises up our sleeves, but this is the basis of our Christmas at Bowling Green Academy. I hope you have found this overview useful (my advice? Pin it to your fridge!).

As you will have seen, there is a mixture between free events and some paid events. There is no expectation that children/families join all our Christmas activities. Aside from Overgate's Reindeer Run, all money raised will be coming straight back into school in our fundraising aim of new interactive whiteboards for each class.

This is my first Christmas here at Bowling Green Academy so I am extra excited. I know that all our dedicated staff are determined to make this Christmas a fantastic one for our children and local community.

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Stuttard

Principal