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**Newsletter**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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As we head into the last week of the autumn term, Christmas is coming to Offord Primary School. Here is a quick reminder of all that is happening this week.

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**What is happening this week? Here is a quick reminder. See below for details.**

**Monday** – Christingle in school, raffle tickets on sale

**Tuesday** – Christmas dinner day, Santa visit, wear Christmas jumpers, last day to order Beetle drive tickets, KS2 children watch Inn Keeper’s Breakfast, last collection day for school post boxes, raffle tickets on sale

**Wednesday** – wear Christmas Jumpers, The Inn Keeper’s Breakfast: 10am & 2pm, Carols on the Playground: 5.30pm (Everyone is invited to this celebration of Christmas), last day to buy raffle tickets for the Christmas Hampers, PE for Hawks and Kingfishers

**Thursday** – wear Christmas jumpers, Christmas Hampers prize draw, Christmas Beetle Drive: 5-6.30pm, Christmas cards delivered

**Friday** – wear Christmas jumpers, PE for Robins, Wrens and Kingfishers, last day of term

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**Christmas Jumpers:**

Children can wear Christmas jumpers instead of school jumpers from Tuesday to Friday.

**The Inn Keeper’s Breakfast:**

Thank you for ordering your tickets for the Robins’ and Wrens’ production of The Innkeeper’s Breakfast. Tickets were given to children on Friday. Shows are at 10am and 2pm. Access to school will only be via the Miller’s Close entrance. Please come to the large playground gates for access to the site. The show is being held in the outdoor classroom.

Children will be allowed to leave after the 2pm show if you would like to take them with you once they are changed (we’re happy to keep them too though). Older children can also be taken home if this is more convenient for you, but they are doing PE so might want to stay!

**Carols on the Playground**

Everybody is invited to join in with Hawks and Kingfishers children as they celebrate Christmas and lead the festive singing. All KS2 children need to return to school between 5.15-5.20pm – head to their classrooms to meet their teachers.

Both gates to the school will be open. Please come to the main playground gates to access the playground or the classrooms for the school.

Please dress for the weather – eg Christmas jumpers and coats. The Carols begin at 5.30pm and will be on the back playground. Please bring a torch and your best singing voice!

Please keep younger children with you and do not allow them to play on the playground apparatus as it will be quite dark – thank you. The event is expected to last approximately half an hour.

### **Christmas Beetle Drive**

This is taking place on Thursday from 5-6.30pm. Tickets are £2 per child. Please pay via OPTA bank account (Offord PTA 20-05-73 20176346 using reference Beetle and child's name) or cash via your class teacher. Tickets need to be paid for by end of day on Tuesday. Tickets will be distributed from Monday. The children don't need to bring anything with them, just lots of Christmas cheer. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the evening. Drop off and collection via the hall doors on the playground.

### **PE this week**

We are changing or adding in extra PE this week.

Wrens – Friday

Robins – Friday

Hawks - Wednesday

Kingfishers - Wednesday and Friday

### **Christmas Hamper raffle tickets**

Tickets are £2 per entry. There are 4 hampers: Children's toys, Food and Drink (including the £20 Days of Buckden voucher), the giant sloth and a beautiful Christmas wreath (courtesy of Sarah Cutworth).

To pay by BACS send an email to [offordpta@gmail.com](mailto:offordpta@gmail.com) stating how many entries you want and for which hampers. Then transfer the money to Offord PTA 20-05-73 20176346

To pay by cash, either send cash in in an envelope stating which hampers you want to enter, or pay in person after school. Tickets will also be on sale at the Nativity performances and at Carols in the Playground. The draw will take place on Thursday and prize winners will be announced and notified during the day.

### **Christmas Dinner**

The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Tuesday. They will be waited on by the school staff and there will be a festive feel in the school hall with festive hats being worn and Christmas music playing. All children will eat together, whether they are having school dinners or packed lunch. Father Christmas is being brought to school by a reindeer this year. Santa and his reindeer are coming on Tuesday afternoon to see the children and Father Christmas will share a Christmas story or two and chat to the children. This is usually a very magically afternoon – photos will be taken and shared with you.

### **Christmas Cards – last posting day Tuesday**

Please ensure your child has brought their cards to school and posted them in one of the two letter boxes by Tuesday evening. The Christmas elves will then sort the post and cards will be delivered to the classes and children on Thursday.

### **Christingle Service**

On Monday morning all children will be learning about Christingles and making their own. They will take them to the hall in the afternoon where we will join the Bishop of Ely and many other schools for a virtual Christingle Service. The children will bring their Christingles home on Monday.

