



19th December 2019

Dates and events for this term

Event	Date	Time	Comments
Christmas disco	20.12.19	6pm – 8pm	Tickets £4 per child, including food. Drinks available from the bar.
Last day of Term 2	20.12.19	All day	
First day of Term 3	06.01.20	All day	Please arrive before 8.55 to be on time for the new term.
INSET day	03.02.20	All day	The staff will have training in the teaching of phonics. School will be closed to children.
Online safety day	11.02.20	All day	Children will find out more about how to stay safe online.
Outdoor learning day	12.02.20	All day	
Last day of Term 3	14.02.20	All day	
First day of Term 4	24.02.20	All day	

All dates and events are also available on the school website.

Please also check our News page on the website where you will see updates about recent events in school.

<http://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/category/news/>

Christmas events

We have spent a lot of time preparing for Christmas over the past few weeks. These have been: Theatre visit, Christmas fair, Nativity services, Christmas lunch, Christingle making and service, advent adventure for Year 4, memory café visit for Buzzards Class and Christmas parties. Thank you to everyone for coming along to support each event. Thank you also to the staff for their hard work in preparing for each event, particularly the Nativity services. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all members of Friends who put on a fantastic Christmas fair with the church and for supporting with Christmas parties. Your support has been invaluable.

Staffing update

As many of you will know, this is Mrs England's final week at Iron Acton before she moves on to a new school in September after 15 years with us. We held a goodbye assembly for Mrs England on Monday.

During Term 3, we will also be saying good bye to Mrs Green who has been working as a teaching assistant in Barn Owl Class. We will be interviewing for both positions in the New Year.

Christmas jumper day

This Friday, all children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school. We will be raising money for Winston's Wish, a charity which aims to 'give hope to grieving children'. Money can be handed to your child's class teacher who will pass it on to the office. Please do not worry if you don't have any Christmas jumpers – any non-school jumper will be fine. Children must wear school trousers / skirts, polo-shirts and shoes with their Christmas jumper.

The gazebo is here!

The gazebo has arrived and was installed on the field on a very wet day last week. It looks amazing and has already sparked a lot of interest at lunchtime.

A huge thank you, once again, to Friends for their fundraising efforts and to the group of parents who kindly gave up their time to install the base. We are excited to start using the gazebo for outdoor learning throughout the year.

Chess tournament

Well done to the 9 children who visited Hawkesbury this week for a chess tournament with children from Hawkesbury and Old Sodbury. The children played well – it was a good morning.

Thanks to parent Lou Thorne for accompanying them for the morning.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of all the staff at Iron Acton, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a wonderful time with your friends and families during this time.

Mr Riches

St James' thanks

We would like to give the church wardens and various members of the congregation a particular mention for all they have done for the school over the last few weeks. Their support of the school has been invaluable. They have been with us for Christingle making, every Nativity rehearsal, ensuring the church is heated for our services and helping us with staging and microphones. We are extremely fortunate to have such a supportive church to work alongside.

Village phone box

Have you seen the children's Christmas decorations in the village phone box? Golden Eagles Class were invited to bring some festivity to the phone box this year. The phone box contains books for a range of ages and is designed to be used by anyone in the village as a means to swap books. Please do go and take a look – it is just past the church on the left hand side.

A picture of the phone box can be found on the website news feed:

<http://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/category/news/>

New gazebo



Christmas fair

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, donated prizes and came on the day. We have raised £730 - thank you for all your support. Friends.