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Term 2 dates and events

Christmas fair – Saturday 4th December

All families are invited to attend the fair, which will take place in Iron Acton Parish Hall on **Saturday 4th December from 2pm until 4pm**. The children have been practising 3 Christmas songs, which they will perform at 3.30pm along with members from the village choir. Please note: this is a joint event organised by the church and the Friends of Iron Acton School and therefore any funds raised go to support the work of both organisations.

Nativity – Barn Owls and Falcons classes

Our Nativity services will take place on **Tuesday 7th December at 6pm** and **Wednesday 8th December at 1.30pm**. Both services will be held in the church in Iron Acton. All children in Barn Owls and Falcons classes will need to arrive by 5.45pm for the Tuesday performance; we anticipate that the services will last up to 45 minutes in total.

If you have not already done so, we ask that you notify us of the names of the 2 guests per family that will attend each performance by **Monday 29th November**. Any unallocated tickets will then be offered to families, who have requested additional tickets by Wednesday 1st December.

Please note: children in Buzzards and Golden Eagles do not need to attend this year's Nativity services due to the limited amount of space available. In addition, pre-school are unable to attend.

Individual and sibling photographs – Monday 6th December 2021

All children will have photographs taken during the morning. Pre-school siblings are able to attend from 8:30am with their brother and/or sister. The children will bring home their order details with a personal QR code. All orders are placed online directly to the photographer.

Christmas lunch – Wednesday 8th December

All children are invited to join in with our Christmas lunch, which takes place on **Wednesday 8th December**. If your child is in Buzzards or Golden Eagles classes the usual payment system applies; meals for children in these classes cost £2.30 and are free for those in Barn Owls and Falcons.

School Christingle service – Friday 10th December

The children will join together once again to make Christingles with representatives from the church. This will be followed by a service in the church on **Friday 10th December**. We will send the Christingle your child has made home at the end of the day, so they can tell you all about it.



Term 2 dates and events (continued)

Church Christingle service – Sunday 12th December

This will take place on **Sunday 12th December at 4pm** at St James' Church in Iron Acton. Families are invited to attend. There will be an opportunity for all to make a Christingle and to see them lit as all are able to remember the importance of Christmas for Christians.

Theatre performance – Tuesday 14th December

The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School will be coming to Iron Acton on **Tuesday 14th December**. They will share the Christmas story with the school. This will take place during the school day.

Christmas parties – Wednesday 15th December

During the afternoon of **Wednesday 15th December**, we will be holding Christmas parties in class. Children can bring a change of clothes into school for the afternoon.

Christmas jumper day – Thursday 16th December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on **Thursday 16th December** instead of their school jumper. This is an optional event; we will not be raising money for charity.

Christmas carols for Buzzards and Golden Eagles – Friday 17th December

Two guests from each family are invited to join us in the church at 2.15pm for Christmas carols. Please do come along and join us if you can, but no more than two per family please. Children can go home straight from the church once the service is finished.

Final day of Term 2 – Friday 17th December

First day of Term 3 – Tuesday 4th January

Staffing news

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to **Miss Abley** after just over three years at Iron Acton. As a school community, we would like to thank Miss Abley for all she has done for the school and the children during her time with us. We wish her well as she moves on to new things in January.

Over the next few weeks, we will be going through a recruitment process to ensure we have the right person in place to teach Falcons Class from January.

New Teaching Assistant

Mrs Danielle Gaves will join us from Wednesday of next week as a new member of staff. Mrs Gaves will be working alongside Mr Brown and Mrs Sparey in Buzzards Class each morning of the week (except Tuesday). Miss Holmes will be spending her mornings with Barn Owls Class.

Additional staff needed

We are currently looking to appoint a lunch break supervisor (hours: 11.55am – 1.10pm) and a reading assistant (hours: 1.00pm – 3.00pm). If you are interested and would like to know more please speak to the school office.



Christmas appeal

We will once again be asking for your support in helping the Blonde Angel Street Team this Christmas. The organisation collects donations from people in our local area and delivers them in stockings or bags to homeless people in Bristol and the surrounding area. We are asking for any stockings or bags to be in school by **Friday 10th December** at the latest so they can be delivered to the drop off point in Yate.

You can donate items such as chocolate, sweets, socks, underwear, scarves, gloves, small torches, batteries and decorations. Please label male or female.

Thank you for your support – it makes a huge difference.



Comfort and Joy Christmas appeal – a message from St James' Church

Advent Sunday sees the launch of this years '**Comfort and Joy Appeal**', to support families who need it in the Fromeside area, enabling God's love to be shared in practical ways this Christmas and throughout 2022. As a result of the generosity received last year, we have been able to help numerous people during 2021; in partnership with our local schools, Bromford Housing and our Community Health Visitors. When people around us have been rehomed into properties with no carpets, or have been unable to top up the gas meter, or have had nothing in the kitchen cupboard, Comfort & Joy has made a practical difference, offered compassion, and opened a door to community.

Please give if you can to Comfort & Joy: Online at: www.justgiving.com/campaign/comfort-joy or by cheque, payable to "Churches Together in Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath (LEP)": to 'Comfort & Joy', c/o Zion Church Office, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2HY.

Covid testing requirements

We would like to remind you of the following requirements for testing:

1. If anyone has any of the three main symptoms (persistent cough, temperature, loss / change to taste / smell) they must seek a PCR test online from a test centre
2. Lateral flow tests are designed to be carried out twice weekly to pick up asymptomatic cases; if a lateral flow test shows a positive result, a PCR test must be taken to confirm the result of the lateral flow test

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to keep Covid levels at school as low as possible.

Recent fundraising

Thank you to everyone who was able to support with our recent fundraising efforts. We were able to donate £139 to Children in Need as a result of the donations received on our non-uniform day.

Additionally, a large number of items were donated for the Christmas fair on Saturday 4th December. Please note: there are still some raffle tickets left – these will be available after school at the top of the hill.



Jess the dog

We have been pleased to welcome Jess the dog, along with her owner Deb to school recently. Each Wednesday afternoon Jess joins Golden Eagles class, where she works alongside various children to support with reading and other areas of their learning.

Deb is an experienced dog trainer and has worked for an organisation called Dog Helping Kids. The children from across the school have been shown how to respond when they see Jess so as not to alarm or overwhelm her. This is such a fantastic opportunity for the class to be involved in and we hope it will benefit many children over the coming weeks.

Wrap around provision

Breakfast club

Breakfast club runs every day from 7.45am until the start of the school day. It costs £4 per session and can be booked by emailing the school office in advance. Payment should be made via ParentPay once availability is confirmed. Tax free child care vouchers can be used to pay for sessions, which reduces the cost to families.

After school club

After School Club runs Monday – Thursday each week until 6pm (**please note:** this is the time the staff finish so children must be picked up by 6pm at the latest - additional fees apply and will be charged per quarter of an hour after 6pm as detailed in the After School Club terms and conditions). After School Club costs £8.50 per session and can be booked by emailing the school office in advance. Payment should be made via ParentPay once availability is confirmed. Tax free child care vouchers can reduce the cost to £7 per session if applicable.

For any more information please speak to the school office.

Active travel

During our celebration service today, we have been talking to the children about our new 5 minute walking bubble. On lampposts around the village you will find blue stickers, which show where the walking bubble begins. We ask that you consider parking outside of the bubble and walking at the beginning and end of the school day when you can. This will support children in keeping fit and healthy as well as to reduce the amount of traffic outside the school.



Term 2 dates for the diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Christmas Fair	04.12.21	This will take place in the Parish Hall. Children will be invited to sing Christmas songs with the village choir.
Individual and sibling photographs	06.12.21	Pre-school siblings are able to attend from 8.30am.
Nativity services	07.12.21, 6.00pm 08.12.21, 1.30pm	
Christmas lunch	08.12.21	
Christingle service	10.12.21	
Church Christingle service	12.12.21 4.00pm	
Old Vic Theatre School visit	14.12.21	
Christmas parties	15.12.21 pm	Children can bring a change of clothes into school.
Christmas jumper day	17.12.21	All are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the day.
KS2 carol service	17.12.21, 2.15pm	Please come and join us in the church.
Last day of Term 2	17.12.21 3.15pm	
Christmas crib service	24.12.21 4pm	To take place at St James' Church.
First day of Term 3	04.01.22 8.55am	

Dates can also be found on our school website: <https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/news/>

