



**PARK WOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION
HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2018**

LAST DAY OF TERM - REMINDER

As has been tradition for the past few years at Park Wood, the children will finish and go home at 2pm on the last day of term, Wednesday December 19th. Hopefully this will be a nice end of term gift to the pupils after all their hard work and a chance, for families travelling to spend the festive season away, a chance to beat the rush.

KEY DATES IN THE FESTIVE PERIOD

It's a busy time of year in school, with many exciting activities happening. Here are some of the key dates which you may want to be aware of.

Monday December 3rd – Christmas Decorations to go up around the school
Wednesday December 12th – The Children have their Christmas Dinner
Thursday December 13th - Park Wood Christmas Fair (Starts straight after school)
Friday December 14th – Choir Concert in the Church at 10.00am
Wednesday December 19th – Last Day Of Term (Finish at 2pm)
Thursday January 3rd/Friday January 4th – Staff Development Days
Monday January 7th – Children return to School

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND THE PSA

The Christmas Fair is always a lovely event in the school. Most of all because the children work really hard during the enterprise week leading up to it in order to design and make a product which they can then sell at the fair.

It's always a **VERY** busy start to the fair and I would ask people to be patient during this initial rush.

The PSA will be supporting the school during the fair and I thank them in advance for their contributions. Their fundraising activities recently have been hugely successful and are the driving force behind the introduction of new interactive whiteboard screens in every class, as well as the continued running of the school minibus.

DOGS

Could I remind parents that, with the exception of Guide Dogs or the occasional visit of a School Dog, no Dogs are allowed on the school site. It is also helpful if Dogs do not block entrances or pathways leading into school, as some children can find them frightening.

PARKING

I have been in regular contact with the Community Police Officers, Kent Police and Medway Council about the continued issues we are having with Parking and Traffic Safety at the start and the end of the school day. There will be regular, if not frequent, visits by the Police and by the Council Parking Car at these key times in order to remind parents that following the traffic laws is essential and to check on the safety of the children as they travel to and from school. I would like to thank the Police for their help in this matter.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

It is essential that we remember that the whole of Park Wood Schools Federation is a NUT FREE environment. This includes cereal bars which include nuts, chocolate spreads which include nuts and peanut butter. There are a number of children in the school with serious allergies and it is important that we do all we can within school to protect them from adverse reactions.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

With names now up, we will start the first Park Wood Chess Championship next month, with a view to crowning a champion before the end of January (chess can take time). It would also seem we have some interested members of the teaching staff, so staff vs pupil games may also take place, separate to the tournament.

DIARY DATES INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

- 11 Dec Foundation Production to Parents 2.15pm
- 12 Dec Foundation Production to Parents 2.15pm
Christmas Lunch for Children
- 13 Dec Christmas Fair – Children may wear their Christmas jumpers at school in the afternoon
- 14 Dec Official Christmas Jumper day – Children may wear their jumpers to school
PSA – Christmas Presents given out to children Infants & Junior School
Choir Concert at Church 10.00am – Children and Parents by invitation only
- 19 Dec Last Day of Term – **Children at Infant and Junior School finish at 2.00pm**



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