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The FOM Christmas Fayre is due to take place on Friday 13th December between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. All members of our community are welcome to attend and we would be grateful if you would help us promote this event by downloading a copy of the flyer [here](#) and distribute via your networks.

Rehearsals are in full swing for this year's school production, which is 'High School Musical'. We have a number of performances scheduled at 7pm on the 4th, 5th and 6th of December and tickets are selling fast. To secure your seat, please visit the school's online payment platform "Sco-Pay". If you have any difficulties with accessing this, then please email Mrs. Steph Manns, Finance Officer on Manns@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk We would be grateful if you would help us promote this event by downloading a copy of the flyer [here](#) and distribute via your networks.

Please be aware that during the final week of this term, all pupils will be invited to have a traditional Christmas Dinner, served in our Main Hall. We will adjust the timings of the school day to accommodate this event. More details can be found [here](#)

We are planning to send home your child's progress report during the Christmas Break. If you have recently moved to a new house or changed your contact details, please alert Mrs. Steph Manns on the email address above so that we can update our records.

The last day of this term is Friday 20th December. Please note that school will close early to all pupils at 1.35pm. **There will be no extra-curricular activities or tea-time club on this day.**

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the key dates for Autumn 2. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)

Year 11 have worked so hard over the last few weeks on their mocks- a big well done to them. There are some practical mocks on Thursday and Friday of next week- art, textiles and photography, but the bulk of the mocks are complete. Great work Year 11!

Thank you very much to all the parents who came to the Year 10 Parents Evening this Thursday. Information was given out about the Year 10 "Mayfield's" which take place in January. The timetable is on our website [here](#) so please take a look if you did not get one at the event.

As a school we are always looking to celebrate the successes of our pupils. If your child has been successful outside of school in their hobby or sport then please let Mrs Cleary know on clearya@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

As we look forward excitedly to our Christmas dinner can I remind you that we ask for a contribution from pupils to cover the cost. The donation can be made through the school's Parent Pay system. A link to this is on our website [here](#). If you have problems accessing this system then please contact Mrs Manns on manns@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk for help. We always do a variety of House activities in the run up to Christmas so your child will be coming home with tales of these!

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 will have received their Autumn 2 'Prep' projects and will be working on them. Details about the projects can be found on our website [here](#). The different subjects will have set deadlines, these should be in your child's planner. The final deadline will be coming up so please do

contact your child's tutor if they are having difficulty with any aspect of the projects. Contact details can be found [here](#).

A reminder that to use our bike sheds we do require pupils to have a cycle helmet. Pupils who do not have one will not be allowed to leave their bikes on site. In addition, for safety, particularly at this time of the year, pupils should wear bright jackets and have fully working lights.

A reminder that the Senior Section are focussing on "Being Kind" following assemblies this half-term. There is a noticeboard in the House corridor with information that the pupils can access, so please encourage them to take a look when passing.

Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)

It has been my pleasure to host a number of Prep Reward Teas this week. As ever, the quality of the children's Prep work has been fantastic, with a huge range of talents on show. I have included three outstanding examples of Art work from Year 4 and 5 below – well done to Morgan Prescott for his space picture, Daisy Kelsall for her rainforest picture and Emily Upton-Crouch for her model of a toucan.



Our Assembly this week focused on the Learning Superpower of Responsibility and we have been talking to the children about how they can take responsibility for their own uniform and their behaviour around the school. We have finished the week with each class choosing a number of children to take on positions of responsibility in their classes including Pupil Librarians, Cloakroom Monitors and Junior Road Safety Officers for Juniors. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for one of these responsibilities!

We are starting to look forward to the Christmas season and the children in Key Stage 1 are now working on two performances to parents. On Wednesday 11th December, Year 1 and 2 will be having their Christingle Assembly in the Main Hall at 2.30pm while Year R will be performing their Nativity Play on Thursday 12th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm. Year 4 are also performing to parents in the Rainforest Topic Outcome Assembly on Monday 9th December at 2.30pm. Further details of how you can book tickets for these performances can be found [here](#).

We are also looking forward to some events in our Houses. Next week, children in the Junior section will be joining the Seniors for their House Celebration Assemblies where will celebrate achievements across both sections of the school. In the final week of term, we will be joining with the Houses for our annual Christmas Dinner. Further details of how parents in the Junior Section can make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this dinner can be found [here](#).

I would like to remind families about the importance of punctuality to school in the mornings. The classroom doors open at 8.45am and the children's learning starts straight away. We have a 10 minute for parents who need to drop off at multiple classrooms before we start to lock the gates at 8.55am. It is strongly recommended that the children are in the classrooms at 8.45am. 10 minutes of lost learning time every day is equivalent to missing 31 hours of schooling across the year, which is more than a week of lost learning. Thank you in advance for your support.

Letters sent home this week can be found [here](#):

- Christmas Plays 2019
- Christmas Dinners for Juniors

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

It's been a really busy time in class with rehearsals for the Christmas nativity, all the children are doing really well.

Tickets have now gone on sale and the performance will be on Thursday 12th December.

Our Topic will continue with the theme 'Christmas'. In class we are still discovering how families from around the world celebrate Christmas in their home. Looking at traditions, cultures and different faiths.

Learning Intentions linked to class subject:

- Looking at similarities and differences that connect us to and distinguish us from others;
- Retell the Christmas nativity by sequence of events;
- Create props for their nativity performance;
- Notice patterns and shapes in their environment.

Letter sound will be 'K' please create a collage we look forward to your creations. This activity will build upon your children's vocabulary and promote speech sounds.

Finally, a reminder, tickets for the Christmas Party are now on sale.