



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER EVENTS NEWSLETTER - 28th November 2023



December Events Information



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have so many events planned in December we thought it may be easier to put all of these in the same place. The dates and times are on the second page and the details follow this. Please note there are some changes from the original information sent out in September and last week's newsletter.

Change 1



There are now 2 nativities for each year group - so parents are not so cramped and you can get a better view! Please try to attend the correct performance for your child's class, but if there is a problem with this please speak to your child's class teacher.

Change 2

Due to staff shortages and overwhelming numbers of people wanting to participate, we are unfortunately having to change our planned Santa visit as we want everyone to have a positive experience. Therefore sadly Santa will not be appearing at the winter fair, but he and his elves will be visiting the school during the week beginning 11th of December. All children will get a chance to go with their class to say hello and parents can purchase a framed class photo of this if they wish to. Please see later in this newsletter for further details.



Change 3

We have added in our normal non-uniform day on Friday 8th December (sorry we just missed it off the list as there were so many things).



With so much going on it would be wonderful if parents and carers could help with some aspects!

Discos - please collect your child on time. Our staff do not get paid for any of these events; they are all done voluntarily and through kindness and without this they would not take place. So please show your appreciation by collecting your child on time.

Friday 8th - send your child to school in non-uniform with a donation for our winter fair tombola (teddies, toys, bric-a-brac, unused toiletries).

Monday 18th December - could you help run one of our stalls? If so please speak to any member of staff on the gates.

Wednesday 20th December - please remember that you need to collect your child at 1pm as school finishes early on this day. (Nursery last day is Tuesday 19th December)

Event Calendar

These are all the dates and times of events taking place in December. Further details are on the next pages.

Date	Event	Year Groups	Times
Monday 4th	Reception & KS1 Discos <i>(no photo event)</i>	Reception, 1 & 2	3.45 - 4.45 (Reception) 5.00 - 6.00 (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 5th	Y2 Nativity <i>(photo event)</i>	Year 2	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Starfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Jellyfish parents)
Wednesday 6th	EYFS Nativities <i>(photo event)</i>	Nursery & Reception	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Guppy 1 & Nursery am parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Guppy 2 & Nursery pm parents)
Thursday 7th	Y1 Nativity <i>(photo event)</i>	Year 1	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Lionfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Clownfish parents)
Friday 8th	Non uniform day	All	Bring a donation for the tombola and/or bric-a-brac
11th - 15th	Class Santa Visits	All	Throughout the school day
Monday 11th	KS2 Discos <i>(no photo event)</i>	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)
Wednesday 13th	Christmas dinner & winter jumper day	Reception to year 6	During the school day £1 donation for Save the Children
Monday 18th	Winter Fair	All	3.30 - 4.30 pm
Tuesday 19th	Last day nursery	Nursery	Normal times
Wednesday 20th	Last day R to Y6	Reception to year 6	1 pm finish for children



Christmas Cards

We are happy for children to bring in Christmas Cards for their friends which they can post in our school post box for delivery from Thursday 1st of December. However, can you please make sure that when they are addressing the envelopes they put the child's name and class clearly on the front as it helps our year 6 'posties' make sure they get to the correct person! Thank you.

Christmas Dinner & Winter Jumper Day

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 13th and all children will also be given crackers (including if they are packed lunch). We are also continuing with our tradition of winter jumper day, where children can wear a festive jumper rather than school colours on this day. We use this to raise money for the Richard House Hospice in Beckton and so encourage a £1 donation where possible towards this worthwhile cause.



Christmas Discos

Dates and times

Monday 4th December: 3.45 - 4.45 (Reception) & 5.00 - 6.00 (Years 1 & 2)
Monday 11th December: 3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) & 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)



Location and access to the site

- All discos will be held in the hall and will be supervised by school staff.
- Parents need to use the Mitchell Walk gate (at the back of the school) to access the site.
- Children need to line up with their adult by the hall doors and give their ticket to gain entry.
- Collection is from the same place.

Tickets

Available on Parentmail @ £2 per child. Paper tickets will be given to children on the day so they don't get lost.

Further information

- **Please note all children must be collected from school at 3.15pm as usual. Children who are not collected will not be allowed to attend the event and ticket money will be refunded.**
- ALL children including Year 6 must be collected.
- Please collect your child promptly as we have only 15 minutes between the two events on each night and staff are giving up their own time so these events can take place.
- We strongly suggest that as your child enters the hall that you take their coat away with you and bring it back when you collect them (this way they don't get muddled with someone else's)
- Sorry no parents can attend the discos.
- Discos are NO PHOTOGRAPHY events (this includes mobile phones).
- This is a non-uniform event.
- Children are responsible for any money they have.
- There will be flashing lights and loud music so please bear this in mind when booking if your child is sensitive to this.

Also on sale

Crisps 50p

Drinks 30p

Glow bands 25p each or 5 for £1

Nativities



Details of all the nativities are below and we ask you to attend the performance for your child's class only due to the restriction on numbers at each performance. **Please note that there is a maximum number of 3 adults per child.** These are photo events but please keep these for your family use and do not place any images or footage on social media.

All performances will be held in the Hall and access to this will be via the Mitchell Walk gate (back of the school). Sorry no access via the main office.

Times	Tuesday 5th December	Wednesday 6th December	Thursday 7th December
Gates open at 10.30 Performance starts at 10.40	Year 2 (Starfish parents only)	Guppy 1 and Morning Nursery	Year 1 (Lionfish parents only)
Gates open at 1.45. Performance starts at 1.55	Year 2 (Jellyfish parents only)	Guppy 2 and Afternoon Nursery	Year 1 (Clownfish parents only)

We will have our charity bucket for donations at all performances with all proceeds going to Richard's House Children's Hospice in Beckton. Please note we are only able to accept cash for this.

Santa Visit

What?

All children will get to say hello to Santa with their class.

Who, When and Where?

- Every class
- Week beginning 11th December
- Santa has graciously agreed to take some time to visit our children here at EWPS so they will visit him during the school day



Cost

- None to say hello to Santa
- Parents may choose to purchase framed class photo with Santa

How?

- A google form will be sent out at the end of this week.
- Please complete this if you would like to purchase a framed class photo
- If you do not wish your child to participate or you do not wish for them to appear in the class photo please use the same form to tell us this

Winter Fair - Monday 18th December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

What?

There will be lots of fun things to do. Stalls will include: tombola, various food & drink, Bric-a-brac, Arts & Crafts, games and lots more!



Why?

We are currently raising funds for a new stage.

Who, When and Where?

- Open to EWPS families
- Monday 18th December 3.30 - 4.30 pm
- Hall, covered walkway, year 5 class & nursery
- Please note the only access gate open will be Mitchell Walk (back of the school)
- Children must be collected by an adult as normal at the end of the school day - year 5 & 6 parents we will contact you separately.
- Any child not collected will not be able to access the event.
- Once released from the class door children are then under the supervision of the collecting adult as all school staff will be involved.

Cost

- No entry fee
- Stalls and activities have a small charge
- Food and drinks prices will vary
- Please note **cash only** for stalls please as we have no capacity for card payments for so many activities.

How to help?

We need donations of the following items:

1. **Bric-a-brac** - if you have any household items or toys that are in good condition please consider giving them to the school for our bric-a-brac stall.
2. **Cuddly toys.**
3. **Used toys** (in good working condition).
4. Unwanted, **unused toiletries.**

Donations accepted from 22nd November to Thursday 14th December.