

Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Uniform

Please remember to bring a named warm waterproof coat and wellington boots to enjoy a winter playtime. All hats, scarves and gloves also need to be named, as it is often difficult to return items found on the playground.

Our Christmas Play

This year our Nativity play is called "Christmas Stars" for children from Reception Class up to Year 4. There will be three performances: Wednesday 12th December at 10 am (pre-school age children can accompany parents to this performance only); Thursday 13th December at 2 pm and Thursday 13th December at 7 pm.

Two tickets only are available per family in the first instance. Further tickets can be requested on the booking letter and these will be issued once every family has had a chance to purchase two tickets of their first choice. We have a strict limit of seats for each performance as our fire risk assessment has designated our hall capacity as 168, inclusive of staff, children and parents.

A booking letter will be sent home nearer the time.

All performances are seated only.

Photographs and videos may be taken for personal use only, with the agreement that none are posted online.

Nursery Christmas Event - a Christmas singing and craft event will be held for the nursery children and parents/carers on Monday 17th December at 1.15pm. Nursery children who do not attend at this time are welcome to come along with an adult to join in the activities.



Mobile phones...

Please remember that mobile phones should not be used on school premises.

Other Christmas events so far:

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Tuesday 4th December at 1.30 pm. Volunteers are needed for the event to help man stalls and we also need volunteers to help prepare on Monday 3rd December (wrapping etc.) and to help set-up on the morning of the fayre. If you are able to offer any time please let the office know.



Hot meals will not be available on this day. Any meals that have been ordered online will be changed to a packed lunch. If you do not want your child to have a school packed lunch, please change your order online and provide your own.

Christmas picture competition - draw a felt-tip Christmas picture and enter our completion for 50p, Templates will be sent home nearer the date, to be returned to school by Wednesday 5th December - the winning Christmas picture will be made into an item from 'Printed on Presents',

Disco - Wednesday 5th December until 4 pm. Tickets on sale nearer the date.

Pantomime trip - Thursday 20th December for the morning performance. The pantomime ticket costs £16.50 per child, which will be paid for from school fundraise. The cost of the coach is £280, which is approximately £2.90 per child. We are asking for a donation of £2 per child for the coach.

Our school Christmas lunch and Save the Children Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 14th December. Wear your jumper and bring £1 donation for Save the Children.

Break up for Christmas on Friday 21st December, school at 1.15 pm and nursery at 1.00 pm.

Reception and Year 1 Handwriting workshop

Please come to find out about how we teach handwriting on Thursday 22nd November at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Collins will be running this in the staff room.

Advance notice- No after school club

There will be no after school club on Thursday 24th January or Tuesday 26th February 2019 due to staff training.

School Admissions

A reminder that if you require a school place for reception class or for middle school in September 2019, please go online to Dorset School Admissions to apply for a school place by 15th January 2019.

For more information, go to to <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/article/419619/Apply-for-a-school-place>

You still need to apply for a reception school place, even if your child currently attends our nursery.

Make sure you apply by this date, as late applications will mean you are unlikely to gain your first choice place.

Headlice

Please remember to regularly check for headlice. It can, unfortunately, be common in pre-school and primary children, so routine examination may be needed.

More information on this health/medical issue is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> and

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/head-lice-pediculosis>

Give your views...

Have you visited Ofsted Parent View to give your views about our school?

Go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>.

If you want to see the results so far, please go to:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/134524/current>

Birthday treats

We understand that many of you wish to share your child's birthday celebrations with their classmates, but we do not have the facilities for preparing and handling food in line with safe hygiene practices and the spare time in order to do so. Therefore, please do not send in celebration cakes. There is no requirement for any birthday items but if you wish, individual sealed packets, such as sweets, can be given out by the birthday child, at the end of the school day.



Christmas card post box

If you would like your child to send Christmas cards, they should be posted in the Christmas post box. The post box will be in school from Monday 3rd December, in the entrance corridor, near the staff room. Please make sure that the name and class name/year group of whom the card is being sent to are clearly written on the envelope. Cards will be sorted by Year 4 and handed out during the last week of term.

Parking

Please remember to keep pathways clear when parking near our school. Please consider our neighbours.

Tuesday 4th November

at 1.30pm

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle will go on sale from **Monday 26th November** from the office and at the Fayre.

We have lots of fabulous prizes including: family day out passes, supermarket vouchers, garden centre vouchers, sports centre passes, chocolates, wine and lots more...

Be quick, the draw will take place at the Fayre.

CAKE STALL

Your child will be bringing home a paper plate. If you could make/donate a cake for the Christmas Fayre and bring it in on the morning of Tuesday 4th December that would be fantastic.

Large or small cakes are most welcome.



50:50 Raffle

Once again we will be running a 50:50 prize raffle. One lucky person will win half the takings from the raffle! The more tickets we sell the bigger the prize! Tickets will be on sale from Monday 26th November.

50:50

Decorated Jar Tombola



Home learning next week will be 'decorate a jar' for the Christmas

Fayre. We would like run to a Jam Jar Tombola. Please fill the decorated jar with wrapped sweets or chocolates, stationery items or small toys. These can be brought in to school from Monday 3rd December

Please help with our Christmas fayre

tea/coffee/ cakes/ tombola/ tattoos/lucky dip/

SANTA

Santa will be visiting the school Fayre again this year and the children



will have the opportunity to visit him and receive a gift.

CLASS STALLS

The children will be making items to sell such as biscuits and decorations. Don't forget to buy them on the day.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 30th November is non-uniform day.

Please bring in tombola prizes and hamper donations for the Christmas Fayre. We need as many as possible.

Soft toys are always popular. Thank you.



HAMPER Donations

We will welcome any Christmas food and drink items to make some fabulous Christmas hampers, which will then become prizes in the main raffle.

ENTRY

Entry to the fayre is 50p with the chance to win a tin of sweets.

Dates for the diary

Please access the school website for up to date details of school events.

Log onto www.3lxschool.com and click on the **calendar**. Events for the whole school year are posted as soon as possible on the calendar page.

Any school closure information or the cancellation of events is always posted immediately on our school website and on Twitter...so follow us (3lxschool@threelx).

Dates are given below for up to a year in advance to help with holiday planning.

School holiday dates are available, well in advance, to help you with holiday booking on the calendar page of our website. Remember any holiday absences of ten half days sessions or more will incur a fine for each parent in line with the **Dorset Attendance Policy**.

Future school term dates (from 2019) may not yet show all the 5 inset days (staff training), as the school year comprises 190 pupil days with 5 days inset (staff training).

2018	
4 th December 2018	Christmas Fayre at 1.30pm
5 th December 2018	Christmas disco until 4 pm/ Bring a decorated felt tip picture to school competition
12 th December 2018	Christmas play - 10am morning family performance (for younger siblings and parents)
13 th December 2018	Christmas play at 2pm and 7pm (no younger siblings to these performances)
14 th December 2018	Save the Children Christmas jumper day
14 th December 2018	Flu vaccinations available for school age children
14 th December 2018	Children's Christmas lunch
20 th December 2018	Pantomime visit to Poole Lighthouse for school age children
21 st December 2018	Break up for Christmas 2018 holidays
7 th January 2019	<u>BACK TO SCHOOL</u> for the spring term 2019
24 th January 2018	<u>No after school club today due to staff learning</u>
25 th January 2019	<u>School closed - staff learning</u>
18 th - 22 nd February 2019	<u>FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2019</u>
26 th February 2018	<u>No after school club today due to staff learning</u>
4 th April 2019	Easter bonnet parade
8 th April - 19 th April 2019	<u>EASTER HOLIDAYS 2019</u>
27 th May - 31 st May 2019	<u>MAY HALF TERM 2019</u>
9 th July 2019	Mini summer fayre
11 th July 2019	Sports day at 1.30 pm
22 nd July - 30 th August 2019	<u>SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2019</u>
2 nd September 2019	Return to school for September 2019-20 school year
28 th October – 1 st November 2019	<u>HALF TERM 2019</u>
20 th December 2019	Break up for the Christmas holidays 2019



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