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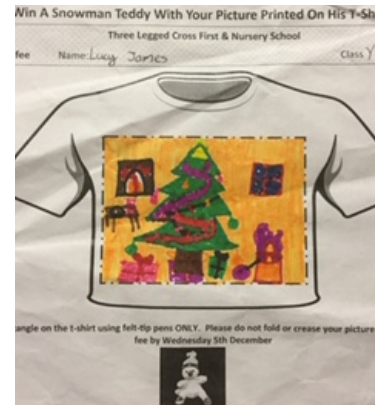


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Our Christmas Play

It is the evening performance of our Nativity play, "Christmas Stars", this Thursday. Please make sure the children return to school at 6.30pm in order to change in to their costumes. If you have tickets for this evening, the doors will open when the children have changed, at approximately 6.50pm. The children will be ready for collection at approximately 8.00pm. There will be a closing collection for WaterAid, the school council chosen charity. Please let the classteacher know if your child will not be returning for this performance.



Fundraising update

Thank you so much for your support for our recent Christmas fayre, which raised £799.35 on the day. Thank you so much for all your help preparing and supporting this event. It was great to see the army of parent organisers getting everything ready. Your support of your school is a real credit to this community. Your generosity was evident with so many of you supporting our children and has resulted in the highest total ever. These funds will help pay for the pantomime visit next week which is a very expensive visit, so thanks again...

The Christmas felt tip competition raised £12.50 and the winner was Lucy in Year 4. She has had her design printed on to a Christmas snowman soft toy donated by Printed on Presents. Thank you to the Henney family for supporting this event.

The Christmas disco raised approximately £282.

The sale of Christmas play tickets has helped supplement our Christmas costume supply as we spent £150 on some new main character costumes.

Of course, this also means, you do not have to get the needle and thread out at this time of year too!

Other Christmas events:

- **Christmas lunch** is on Friday 14th December. Please make sure you have ordered the lunch online as only pre-ordered lunches are delivered to school.
- ‘Save the Children’ **Christmas Jumper day** is on Friday 14th December, wear your Christmas jumper and send in £1 donation to Save the Children.
- **Pantomime trip** on Thursday 20th December. Our school will be **open at 8.30am** on this day, as we will need to leave at 8.45am promptly, in order to make it in time for the 10am performance. We aim to be back in school at approximately 1pm, so will have a late lunch.

In the community....

Year 3 and 4 are singing at Chaseborough House nursing home on Monday 17th December and Oakdene nursing home on Wednesday 19th December.

Easyfundraising...

Christmas shopping online? Comparing insurance providers?

Do it through [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise a free donation for our school every time you shop!

So far, you have raised £606.36! Congratulations to Mr Marshall, who is our ‘top supporter’.

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/threeleggedcross/>

Uniform reminder

Please help us to maintain a smart school uniform. Children should wear black closed toe shoes. Trainers should be kept for PE sessions only.

Remember long hair should be tied back with school coloured bands. Large party bows are not suitable as part of the normal uniform, however, on non-uniform days they look great!

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.

Winter weather

In the event of school closure due to extreme weather conditions, all announcements will be posted on our school home page and Twitter



Headlice

Please continue to regularly check your child’s hair for headlice.

More information on this on-going medical concern is available at:

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

<https://3lxschoolpolicies.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/headlice-advice.pdf>

Parking

Please continue to consider our neighbours when parking outside our school. Keep the pavements and driveways clear for access. **We must insist that cars do not stop or turn immediately in front of our gate area.** This must be clear in the event of emergency access. Our children’s safety is the highest priority.

School Facebook Page

Don’t forget to check out our school Facebook page for reminders and up to date information. This is a parent run group so please support each other.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please telephone or email the school office (office@3lxschool.com) to let us know the reason for this absence. Please do not email the classteacher as they are unable to access emails during teaching time.

Laura Whittaker, the Dorset Attendance Officer, will be visiting our school on Thursday 13th December 2018. We will continue to follow a robust stance on attendance inline with the Dorset local authority procedures. More information is available at:

<https://3lxschoolpolicies.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/attendance-policy-and-guidance.pdf>

Don't forget to apply for a school place if your child will be starting Reception or Year 5 in September 2019. Applications close on 15th January 2019. Go to:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-school-for-the-first-time.aspx>

We break up for Christmas on Friday 21st December- school at 1.15pm and nursery at 1pm. We return to school on Monday 7th January 2019.

Seasons Greetings

Merry Christmas to all our children and families. We wish you all a fantastic festive period and thank you all for the tremendous support you provide for your local school. The staff are pleased and proud to serve the Three Legged Cross community.

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@threeelx).

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	
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 immunisations 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. Open at 7.30am for breakfast club.
24 th January 2018	No after school club today due to staff learning
25 th January 2019	School closed - staff learning
18 th - 22 nd February 2019	<u>FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2019</u>
26 th February 2018	No after school club today due to staff learning
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
25 th October 2019	School closed - staff learning
28 th October – 1 st November 2019	<u>HALF TERM 2019</u>
4 th November 2019	School closed - staff learning
20 th December 2019	Break up for the Christmas holidays 2019