



**Dunster First School**

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## Newsletter No 6



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Christmas Film Night  
Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>  
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Dear Parents,  
May I please bring the following to your attention:

## Diary Dates

**Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>**

Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> to

Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Friends of Dunster First School Advent Fair - 6.00m to 9.00pm**

Meeting of the Board of Governors - 7.00pm

**Film Club Christmas Film Night - 6.00pm (further details below)**

Key Stage 2 Nativity Play in St George's Church, Dunster - 2.00pm

**Christingle Service (further details below)**

Reception Class and Key Stage 1 Nativity Play in St George's Church, Dunster - 2.00pm

**Reception Class and Key Stage 1 Christmas Party - 2.00pm to 4.00pm (further details to follow)**

Key Stage 2 Christmas Party - 2.00pm to 4.00pm (further details to follow)

**Last day of Autumn Term**

**Christmas Post-box**

**Christmas Dinner**

Christmas Holiday

**First day of Spring Term 2017**

## Parent and Carer Meetings with Teachers

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent parent and carer consultation meetings with teachers. We were delighted that 95% of the children at our school were represented at these meetings.

If you were unable to attend these meetings but would still like to discuss your child's progress and look at their work could I ask you to contact their teacher to arrange an appointment.



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### Supporting the Shackleford Family

Finally, I am sure that you were as shocked as I was to hear of the house fire in Blue Anchor in which the Shackleford family lost not only their house but also all of their possessions.

Unfortunately because the house has flooded on three previous occasions the family were unable to obtain insurance.

*Your help  
is needed!*

The Shackleford family have been overwhelmed with the support they have received from people within the local community. A Facebook page entitled, "Help a Family In Need" has been set up for people who would like to make a donation to help the family. Alternatively for those people who do not use Facebook donations can be handed in to the school office. Cheques can be made out to Dunster First School and at the end of term we will ensure that any money raised is passed on to the family.

The Shackleford's two children, Cheyanne and Kiana both attend our school and as a school we would like to support them and their family by using the collection at this year's Christmas Nativity Plays to raise money for them.

### Film Club's Christmas Film Night - Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.00pm

At 6.00pm on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Vickery and the school's Film Club will be showing two Christmas films at a free film night in the school hall. The two films are "Merry Madagascar" and "Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas".



Tickets for this event, which are free, are available from the school office. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be on sale in the evening.

This is a great Christmas fun night for families. Please note that all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



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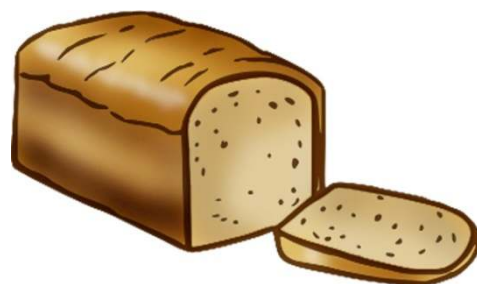
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### A Message from Miss Masters in the School Kitchen

As you are aware as a school we have to meet the Nutritional Food Standards for Schools which within the guidelines recommends that wholemeal bread should be offered as an accompaniment at least once a week.



At the beginning of term the children were encouraged to swap from white to brown bread with their lunch by taking the "brown bread challenge". They have now successfully completed the change and are enjoying this with their meal every day.

Following on from this we would like to advise parents and children that as of January, whilst some children already request brown bread, ALL sandwiches made by the school kitchen will be no longer be made with white bread. Instead we will be replacing it with 50/50 or wholemeal bread.

Well done children!

### School Clubs

Please find below details of when school clubs will be finishing this term and restarting next term.

| Name of Club      | Year Group | Day                 | Name of Club Leader | Date club finishes this term   | Date club restarts next term/ notes                        |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| DASH Club         | R to 4     | Mondays and Fridays | Mr Hoyland          | Friday December 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Monday January 9 <sup>th</sup>                             |
| Grease Dance Club | 3 & 4      | Mondays             | 1610                | This club finishes on Monday November 28 <sup>th</sup> with a performance for parents and carers at 4.00pm. Club starts for children at 3.30pm |  |
| Drawing Club      | 4          | Tuesdays            | Miss Collins        | Drawing Club finishes at the end of this term – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December   |  |
| Fundamentals Club | 1          | Tuesdays            | 1610                |  | Tuesday January 10 <sup>th</sup>                           |
| Multi-Skills Club | 2          | Tuesdays            | 1610                | Tuesday November 29 <sup>th</sup>  | This club will be replaced by Fundamentals Club for Year 1 |
| Tennis Club       | 3 & 4      | Wednesdays          | Simon Barmby-King   | Wednesday November 30 <sup>th</sup>  | Wednesday January 11 <sup>th</sup>                         |
| Football Club     | 3 & 4      | Thursdays           | Mr James            | Already finished   | Thursday January 5 <sup>th</sup>                           |
| Film Club         | 3 & 4      | Thursdays           | Mrs Vickery         | Thursday December 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Thursday January 5 <sup>th</sup>                           |

Thank you to all those members of school staff and 1610 staff who have run clubs for us this term.

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### Year 1 Fundamentals Club

From the start of the Spring Term 2016 we will be running an after school Fundamentals Club for the children in Year 1 on Tuesdays. Information about this club will be sent home over the next few days. Places at the club are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Reply slips for the club need to be returned to school by Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Nativity Performances - Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

A reminder that the children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be performing "Rock around the Flock" in St George's Church, Dunster at 2.00pm on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>.

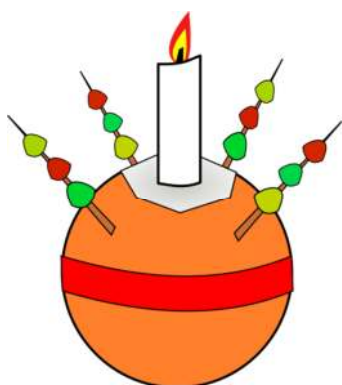
On Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> the children in the Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing a traditional Nativity play. This performance will also be in St George's Church, Dunster and again will start at 2.00pm.

A collection will be taken at the end of both performances with the proceeds being shared between St George's Church and the Shackleford family.



To make sure that everyone is able to enjoy these performances, we will be providing a crèche in the Monstas After School Club room on both Thursday and Friday. The crèche, which is for younger brothers and sisters, will be available from 1.35pm. If you would like your child to attend the crèche please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Will parents with children who normally travel home on the bus please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter to let us know if they will be picked up from school or whether they will be travelling home by bus after the performance. These slips should be returned to your child's class teacher.



### Christingle Service

On Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be taking part in a special Christingle Service in St George's Church, Dunster. First thing in the morning all of the children will join together to make Christingles in the school hall with Rev Caroline Ralph, school staff and members of the Mothers Union.

Once all 150 Christingles have been made we will be going over to the church for our very own Christingle Service led by Rev. Caroline Ralph. Parents and carers with current DBS checks who would like to come and help make the Christingles and accompany us to the church are very welcome to join us. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to help.

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### Christmas Post-box

For those parents and carers who are new to the school, one of our most popular traditions is the Christmas Post-box where children are invited to send cards to all of their friends through the school's internal mail system.

To take part, your child will need to write cards to their friends making sure that on the envelope they put their friend's full name and the class or year group that they are in. Cards can then be posted in the post-box in the main cloakroom.

On the last day of term the whole school gathers in the hall and the cards are tipped out (into a huge pile) and given out by school staff. It would be helpful if children could bring a named carrier bag to school on the last day of term so that their cards can be kept safe.



Yours truly,

Peter Hoyland  
Headteacher

## Crèche for Nativity Plays

Name of child ..... Class .....

I would like to use the crèche facilities for my child(ren) during the performance on

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>

Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>



Name of child

Age

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Signature of parent .....



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## Christmas Performances - Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

### Buses

(Please complete this slip if your child normally travels by bus)

Name of child ..... Class .....

I will be collecting my child after the performance on

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>

Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

My child will be travelling home on the bus on

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>

Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

(please tick as appropriate)

Signature of parent .....



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