

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: CHRISTMAS AT FARLINGAYE 2023**

There is nothing quite like Christmas at Farlingaye. I feel it brings out the best in our staff, students and community, and offers a chance to showcase what makes our school truly special. I thought it would be useful to write and explain both what is happening over the next few weeks, but also the help and support we need for some events, and also how you can be involved too.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Parental Information &amp; Assistance</u>
<b>School Christmas Concert</b>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tickets cost £4.50 and will be available online via ParentPay. A letter with full details about this will be sent out separately from the Music Department.</li> <li>If you are able to, please can you donate a box of mince pies for the refreshments that evening by donating a box to Reception in advance, or on the night – thank you.</li> </ul>
<b>Christmas Community Concert</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm – 3pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, we will have our annual Christmas Community concert for local older people within our community.</li> <li>A separate invitation letter was recently sent out to invite older grandparents, friends or neighbours to this event. This is a lovely concert and many care homes attend. Please rsvp if you wish to have tickets as this concert quickly books up and seats are limited.</li> <li>We need lots of donations of small presents please ie. chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, etc. Please send any gift items to Reception as soon as possible – many thanks for your help with this.</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our traditional Christmas Concert will be held at St Mary's Church in Woodbridge. There is no cost for this, but there will be a retirement collection on the door. This is a lovely evening and we serve fruit punch and mince pies at the end.</li> <li>• Again, any mince pies donated towards our refreshments would be gratefully received. Please hand these in to Reception as soon as possible, or bring with you to the church service – thank you.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Jumper Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>and</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Hamper Day</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone can wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper on this day – but otherwise it is normal school uniform. Wearing a Christmas Jumper is optional and you don't need to go out to purchase one (you can improvise with your own designs).</li> <li>• <b>From early December onwards, please can each student bring in an item for their form hamper.</b> The finished hampers will be distributed on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. <b>The idea is to bring in one good quality item so that everyone can wear non-uniform on the last day.</b> Items need to be quality goods suitable for the elderly, children or those in need.</li> <li>• There are awards for the best hampers and we usually get wonderful designs and they look fantastic.</li> <li>• We will show photos of the wonderful hamper designs on our website later on.</li> </ul>

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Parental Information &amp; Assistance</u>
Last day of term	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a non-uniform day for all students (no charge, but they need to have brought an item in for the hamper the week before).</li> <li>• We have our special Celebration Assemblies for all year groups in the morning.</li> <li>• All students will be registered and dismissed at 1pm.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>IMPORTANT</u></b> Please can all parents/carers confirm whether or not your child will be leaving school at 1pm on the last day and <b><u>use the attached return slip</u></b>. Please can you return this to your child's form tutor as soon as possible – <b>by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>. This does not apply to Sixth Form students.</p> <p><b><u>BUSES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All school buses have been notified (including the Felixstowe Bus) and will be collecting students between 1pm and 1.15pm, apart from the following services, which are only able to collect at the normal time and they are as follows:</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bus routes: First: WE915, WE917 and WE918</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will, of course, supervise any students waiting for service buses until they are picked up at their usual time. These students should meet in the New Hall at 1.30pm.</li> <li>• Students can leave school to go to friends' houses, or go to Woodbridge (if parental permission is provided), but will not be allowed to return to school, only to collect their bus at the normal time if required.</li> </ul>

I hope this all makes sense, but please don't hesitate to contact your child's Year Co-ordinator, or myself, if you have any queries.

Finally, just to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and for a fantastic break. I hope all those who have joined us this year have settled in well, and are beginning to feel like this is their school and one where they feel settled. Can I also take the opportunity to thank you for all the support and positivity since September. The next term, I'm sure, will bring new challenges, but it will also bring greater opportunities for us all to go on and do brilliant things, but we can only do that because of the support from everyone connected to the school, whether you're a student, staff, parent, carer or governor. So thank you. And Merry Christmas.

Kind regards,



**Mr P Smith**  
Headteacher



Please complete the attached form and return to your child's form tutor asap – thank you.

**PLEASE RETURN TO FORM TUTORS**

**DEADLINE TO RETURN FORM: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**For Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11**

**Sixth Form do not need to reply**

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**Confirmation of Christmas Last Day Arrangements (20 December 2023)**

**Name of Student .....** **Tutor Group .....**

My child will be taking the following option on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023:-**

- leaving school at 1pm and going straight home.
- leaving school at 1pm and going to the home of a relative or friend  
(name.....).
- staying in school until 3.45 pm (supervised work will be provided for any students who stay).

Signed: .....

Parent/Carer's Name: .....

Date: .....