



Friday 1st December 2023
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Christmas Fair up date from the PTA—We are still looking for more raffle prizes and volunteers to help run stalls at the event. If you can help please let a PTA member know or email friends@missiongrove.org.uk . We are not having the ice rink this year but we will be having donkeys that the children can pay to feed and have a photo with. There will also be a circus show for 10 minutes that you can buy tickets to watch. Tickets for seeing Santa and the circus events will be on parentpay . The children will have the opportunity to see Santa during the day of the 18th, and he will be staying until the end of the fair. The raffle tickets are on sale in the playground and you can also buy them on parentpay. The main prize is a Nintendo switch. Here are just some of the prizes you could win.



At the fair we will have events inside and out.

Please make sure that you put the date in your diary; Monday 18th December 3.30pm—6.30pm on the North site.

Good news

I met with Mr Darling this week and he sends his best wishes to everyone and is hoping that if his recovery continues as it is he will be back in school in January. Some not so good news is we are saying goodbye to some members of staff at the end of this term. Mrs O'Brien is going on maternity leave and Mr Taylor will be taking Blackbird class up until the end of the academic year. Mrs Brash is moving with her family to Glasgow. She has been with us since she first became a teacher and will be missed greatly. Miss Ilenda will be coming in a few days before Christmas to meet the class and have a handover and then she will be with them until the end of the year. Miss Claire Shoesmith is also leaving us at the end of the term. She has been training whilst working at the school and is leaving teaching to go and be part of the Waltham forest Social services team. Again she will be missed not only in year 1 but in the afterschool club too.

If you have any concerns please speak to your class teacher or see Ms. Khan, Ms. Atwal or myself.

The parent council had their first meeting of the year . They discussed the Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy, which will now go to the Governors for ratification and then it will be on the website. The curriculum that we follow is up on the website for you to see. We also discussed having an information guide for parents about how to get information and concerns to parents and also how parents communicate with staff in a positive way. We still have some classes who are not represented on the Council;

Kittiwake & Kingfisher

Goose, Goldcrest & Goldfinch

Buzzard

Swan & Skylark

Chiff Chaff, Cuckoo & Crow

Happy 1st December –Have a peaceful and warm weekend

Miss Katie Jennings

Headteacher

Reception Parents

Christmas is now upon us so what better way to get into the festive spirit than coming to our Mission Grove Nativity.

North Site Nativity -
13th December at
10am or 2pm

South Site Nativity -
15th December at
10am or 2pm

Book your tickets from your child's class teacher. Tickets cost £1:00 per performance, photos (individual or class £1:00 each).

We look forward to seeing you at our performance!



SPECIAL DATES

Attendance

3 Swan	95.00%
5 Goose	95.05%
3 Swallow	95.36%
6 Chaffinch	95.48%
4 Barn Owl	95.50%
4 Blackbird	95.98%
2yr North PM	96.10%
2 Wren	96.27%
6 Cuckoo	96.27%
4 Buzzard	96.46%
6 Chiff Chaff	97.04%
6 Crow	97.28%
Nursery South PM	97.50%
3 Sparrow	97.55%
2yr North AM	98.10%

The table shows the classes with above 95%. I have had parents requesting to see and refusing to let the office know why and then it is for a request for a holiday. If your child has attendance of below 95% I will not authorise it. You need to complete an absence request for from the office.

December

1st Mini Winter Reading challenge starts

4th KS2 Kurling & Boccia festival

5th Music Concert—guitars & Violin & Choir

6th Parent Coffee morning 9am north site all welcome

Year 3 Natural History Trip—please sign up on the app

7th North site Pantomimes

Full Governors

8th South site Pantomime

8th Santa Dash Douglas Eyre sports field

11th Rock steady concert

Year 2 Kenya day

13th 9am coffee morning North

Reception Nativity North

14th Christmas Film Night £7

15th Reception Nativity South

Week beginning 18th No Clubs

18th Christmas Fair

19th Year 4 Ice Skating Lea Valley

19th Christmas Parties

20th Christmas Lunch

21st Christmas Jumper Day

Last Day of term normal finish time

save the date



CHRISTMAS

Fair

DECEMBER

18TH

Monday

FOOD . CRAFTS . GAMES .
MEET SANTA

Starts at 3.30pm to
6.30pm

- North Site Buxton Road E17 7EJ



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"It's a relaxed, friendly atmosphere."

"Open/talking, learning about us and not feeling alone as a father."

You can speak to a member of the EPEC Team for further information or to book onto a course
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CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT



TICKET £7 Drink, refreshments & film

FROM END OF SCHOOL DAY TO 6PM

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

THE MAKING IT MINDFUL

Christmas PARTY

DISCO, SNOW MACHINE, ENTERTAINERS, GIANT SLIDE, BOUNCY CASTLES, CRAFTS, SENSORY PLAY, FACEPAINTING, GINGERBREAD DECORATION AND A DESSERT WITH EVERY TICKET.



FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER
11AM - 1.30PM & 3PM 5.30PM
GEORGE MITCHELL SCHOOL
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£10 CHILD
£6 ADULT
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