



# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY

## CHRISTMAS DATES



Dear Parents

That very special time of year is coming up, and although things are going to be a little different this year, we have some lovely things planned to get us all in the festive spirit. Please see below some important dates for you to mark on your calendars. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Thursday 10th December**

We will be having our scrumptious Christmas dinner on this date prepared by our wonderful cook, Mrs Andrew (menu attached). As in previous years, we will assume that all children will want a school lunch on that day. Of course, if your child would prefer a packed lunch, that is absolutely fine. Please let us know in the school office if your child is bringing a packed lunch so we do not charge you for it. Key Stage 1 dinners are free; Key Stage 2 cost £2.40. Please note there will be no school packed lunches available on this day. In addition to this, we would love all the children to come to school on this day in their **Christmas jumpers**. During the day, the children will be making decorations for our Christmas tree, which has once again been very generously donated by Wimbish Nursery and Garden Centre.

### **Monday 14 December**

If your child would like to bring Christmas cards in to give to their friends, please ensure they are in school by this date. Each class will have its own post box. The cards will then be distributed at the end of the last week of term. Please make sure the child's name and class is written on the envelope.

### **Tuesday 15th December – FODS Raffle**

#### **BIG Christmas Raffle**

We have some AMAZING prizes this year. Our Top Prize is an AMAZON FIRE 8 Tablet which has been kindly donated by Debden Grange Retirement Village in Newport. They have also donated a delicious Afternoon Tea for Two. We also have FIVE Christmas hampers, 2 bottles of wine from Jascots Wine Merchants, 1l of Gin and lots more prizes. A full prize list will shortly be on the FODS facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofdebdenschool>

**Raffle tickets are being sent home today.** Each family has been given 2 books of raffle tickets to sell but we have plenty more in the school office! Please support our raffle as fundraising has been very limited this term.

Please return money (cash or cheques payable to Friends of Debden School), completed stubs and any unsold tickets to the office **by 9am Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** Please write on all the stubs as the draw will take place in school.

#### **Class Hampers**

We would like to include some lovely class hampers in the raffle as usual. We are always so fortunate to have some lovely things donated by parents and would ask that you please donate an item relating to the colour for your child's class as follows:

Ducklings = Green (for example After Eight chocolates)

Minnows = Red

Frogs = Silver

Kingfishers = Gold

It can be anything you think that would be nice to receive in the hamper, for example food, drink, hand cream, or bubble bath.

Please send your items into school anytime and we will make up some beautiful colour themed hampers for our raffle.

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December ELFRIDGES Sale**

We are very pleased that our Christmas Gift Sale is going ahead on Tuesday 15th December. For those who are new to the school, this is an annual fun Christmas event organised by FODS where the children can buy Christmas gifts for their close family at our pop-up shop called Elfridges. Everything is priced at £1.50 which we hope makes it accessible to all families. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Service**

As per the Harvest Service, the Christmas service will be recorded on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and then made available to parents. The service will include performances from each class, carol singing and prayers and will be led by Reverend John Saxon.

### **Spuds for Debden!**

Dickie Belchambers is delivering local potatoes kindly donated by Victor Hall Farms during November and December. All proceeds are going towards new IT equipment for the children. Let's turn potato chips into computer chips! £8 for a 15 kg bag; £12 for a massive 25kg bag (that's a lot of roasties). Call Dickie 07867 7848873

We all look forward to enjoying a wonderful festive season and making the children's Christmas' special.

Kind regards

The Debden Team