

Loudwater Combined School

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Dear Parents,

All you need to know about Christmas at Loudwater

Christmas Post Box - 4th December

The post box will be outside the school office every day from Monday 4th December. Please ensure that if your child is using the post box all cards have the **first name and surname** of the recipient plus their **year group** to avoid confusion over delivery.

Christmas Roadshow – 4th December

We will be visiting St Peter's Church to take part in their Christmas Roadshow during the afternoon. The children will walk to St Peter's in their classes and we will use your consent given for local walks for this. The Roadshow includes information about Christmas and should be lots of fun. It does not include any worship related to Christmas, so we hope that everyone will be able to attend.

Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Production - 11th & 12th December

This year's production for our younger children has been arranged for 2.30 pm on Monday 11th December and in the morning at 9.30 am on Tuesday 14th December. Tickets will be available next week through the usual Eventbrite booking service, which will be available from 6.00pm on Monday 4th December. In the initial allocation, two tickets per family can be reserved; if there are any remaining tickets these will be rereleased on Friday 8th December at 6.00pm.

Please be aware that we are unable to authorise the taking of photographs and videos this year. We will be taking pictures during a dress rehearsal and these will be made available to you online – more details to follow. There will also be a chance at the end of the performance for you to take photographs of your own child.

Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert at St Peters Church – 14th December

This year we are involving all Year 3 & Year 4 children in a Christmas Carol Concert to be held at St Peter's Church. Performances will take place on Thursday 12th December at 2.30pm and 7.00pm with tickets available through Eventbrite from 6.00pm on Monday 4th December. In the initial allocation, two tickets per family can be reserved; if there are any remaining tickets these will be re-released on Monday 11th December at 6.00pm.

<u>Christmas Jumper Day – 15th December</u>

Friday 15^{th} December is Christmas Jumper Day! This means that children do not need to wear their uniform, but should come to school wearing a festive jumper. Please do not buy anything new to wear for this day – children could decorate a jumper with tinsel and baubles for example. This event is being organised by the School Council and they have requested a donation of £1.00, which will be used to support the work of Save the Children.

<u>Christmas Lunch – 15th December</u>

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Friday December 15th.

If your child is in Foundation Stage, Year 1 or 2 please order their hot meal online as usual. We would like all our children to be involved in this annual event but if you would prefer to provide a packed lunch it needs to be sent to school, in the morning, in the normal way.

Lunch for **all** Key Stage 2 children needs to be ordered through the Gateway **not** The Grid. We have made arrangements with FOLS to cover the cost of the Key Stage 2 children's meals – thank to FOLS for once again supporting this.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you have already ordered food for December 15th please cancel it or you may be charged. Again, we would prefer all children to be involved even if they normally have a packed lunch. Dolce are providing a Turkey dinner and a vegetarian alternative with dessert. If your child requires a packed lunch please send it into school in the morning as usual. We will be unable to accept delivery of lunches at any other time due to the logistics of the day. We would also like to clarify that, if providing a packed lunch it is a healthy lunch and not fast or hot food of any kind.

<u>Christmas Family Service – 18th December</u>

We are having our service of Carols and a retelling of the Christmas Story at St. Peter's Church on Monday 18th December at 10.00 am. You are all most welcome to join us. The service will last approximately 45 minutes.

The children should come to school as usual on the day and at 9.40 a.m. all the classes will walk down to the church together. We would appreciate offers of help from parents to walk with us, but those parents accompanying our children must not have younger children with them – this is for health and safety and insurance purposes. We will use your consent for local walks as permission for your child to walk to the church.

Please contact the school office by **Friday 15th December** if you do not wish your child to attend the service, on religious grounds and arrangements will be made to supervise them in school.

<u>Christmas Parties and Disco – 18th December</u>

These are taking place on Monday 18th December. All children should come to school in their uniform, but can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. If your child's class normally has PE on a Monday this lesson will not be taking place. FOLS will be providing refreshments; children **do not** need to bring any money.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children will have the opportunity of going to the disco in the hall for the first part of the afternoon, followed by activities in their classes.

Key Stage 2 children will begin the afternoon in their classes and have the opportunity to go to the disco for the latter part of the afternoon.

Children who do not wish to go to the disco will be able to remain in classrooms.

Tuesday 19th December

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Children finish school at 2.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Cunnington Head teacher