

Pear Tree Mead Academy

Educating children 2 – 11

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Dear Parents of Reception children

We are so pleased to be able to let you know the Christmas Plans for the term. We have tried to keep as many of our usual festivities going on. We have tried to lay out all the plans in one place so that you are aware of all the activities that the children will be taking part in. I know this now looks a lot, but it is covering all the Christmas Activities that we usually take part in.

We are aware that this will be some differences to our usual plans but we have tried to make Christmas as special as possible for the children in this different time whilst also keeping to year group bubbles and keeping our children and staff safe. Unfortunately, we will not be visiting the church for the last day of term.

Please be aware that each year group has a different plan and so please read each letter carefully so that you know what is going on for each of your children, what they need to wear and bring to school.

Some of the information below is information only so that you know what the children will be getting up to.

YEAR R

DATE	ACTIVITY	WEAR	PLEASE BRING
Between 23 rd and 27 th November	EY Christmas Creative Sessions (No parents)		
25th November	In school time - Children to write their Christmas wish and place on the school Christmas Tree (FREE)		
By the 25 th November	School Play Costumes		School play costume by today for filming. Your class teacher will give you more information.
Wednesday 2 nd December	Bazaar Morning	Non-Uniform all day (for a chocolate donation)	Between 50p to £2 to play Christmas bazaar games in class. Games will be priced at 50p a game to play.



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			A chocolate donation in return for wearing non uniform
Tuesday 1 st December	Challenge Advent Calendar to start for children to complete every day at home. A paper copy will be sent home.		Return to school in January to receive a certificate
During the week of the 30.12 – 3.12	Children will be filming their scene of the school play.		
By the 4 th December	Christmas Party Donation		£1 for donation for the Christmas Party Food.
Tuesday 8 th December	Christmas Dinner and cracker Day	Christmas Jumper or Christmas Clothes	No charge for Reception or Key Stage 1.
Thursday 10 th December	Panto Morning Watching the panto in the hall with popcorn, ice-cream, and a drink (FREE – funded by FOPTM)	Party Clothes	
Thursday 10 th December	Party Afternoon We will be providing the children with a small amount of party food and games.	Party Clothes	Children DO NOT need to bring party food.
Between 7.12 – 12.12	Children will be selling their homemade gifts as part of a fundraising competition		Teachers will let you know how much the items will be. These will be sold at the end of the school day.
Between 7.12 – 12.12	Photos from the school		OPTIONAL - Photos are £3



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	play will be on sale from the classroom after school.		each.
From 10.12	Raffle tickets for the Chocolate Hamper raffle to go on sale		OPTIONAL Raffle tickets £1 to be bought from the class teacher.
Thursday 10.12	FOPTM Present Sale		OPTIONAL Children can buy a prewrapped present for a family member - £2 a present. Children can buy one or more present if they wish.
LAST WEEK OF TERM			
From 14.12	Sales of the Christmas Play – to receive the code to view the school play		More information about the cost of the school play code will be sent out
From 14.12 -17.12	Father Christmas will be zooming into classroom to reply to class letters. (FREE)		
Wednesday 16.12	Chocolate Hamper Raffle Draw		
Thursday 17.12	Take part in the Harlow Schools online Church Carol Service. (FREE)		
18.12	Children to watch the Christmas plays in their classrooms. (FREE)		
18.12	Break the Rules Day		Donation for each rule the children wish to break – More details to follow
18.12	Term to finish at 1.30pm		



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We hope that this helps you to get organised for what is always a very busy half term. I am sure you will agree that we have tried to give the children all the same fun activities that we usually run.

All monies will be cash payments due to them being fund raisers for FOPTM and therefore cannot be paid into the school account.

We will try hard NOT to make changes but will notify if you we need to do for a reason beyond our control.

Many thanks
Mrs Peden

