



# CARLTON MINIOTT PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Dates for your diary 2023/2024

- 27th November - Year 6 Cake Stall
- 29th November - Yr 6 and Yr 2 Trip
- 1st December - FOS Non-Uniform Day
- 8th December - FOS Christmas Fayre / Mrs Jameson's last Music Lesson for this term
- 13th December - School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th December - Yrs 5/6 Pantomime Visit / Reception Nativity
- 18th/19th December - Yrs 1/2 Christmas Production
- 20th December - Class R/ KS1 Christmas Party
- 21st December - Year 6 last swim lesson / Yrs 3/4 Christmas Party / School Choir singing at Village Carol Service at 6.30pm
- 22nd December - School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm
- 8th January - Staff Training Day, no students in school
- 9th January - School Re-opens for Spring Term

## Year 1 Visit to Preston Park

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Year 1 went to Preston Park for the day. It was hungry work travelling, so after a snack, they went off to explore the museum and the old street.

After lunch, they had a quick trip to the park before going to the Toy Workshop. They listened really well before exploring some old-fashioned toys and making their own spinning toy.

It was a lovely day out and there were some very tired children on the bus on the way home! Thank you to our parent helpers for your support on the day.





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## Yrs 3/4 Science Day



This week Class Three and Four were scientists for the day.

They had the exciting opportunity to explore forces, magnets, light and electricity during their workshops. Dr Frances from Working Science brought lots of science equipment for the children to investigate and inspired them to experiment, predict and discover new things.

The children especially enjoyed using creating circuits with buzzers powered by magnets and testing reflections with flexible mirrors.

The children had a lot of fun and it was great to see their excitement and enthusiasm for Science.





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## FOS Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday, 1st December, is FOS Non-Uniform Day, please see the FOS Update, below, for further details.

## PE Kits

Just a reminder for those with children in Yers 3 to 6 that PE Kits should be in school on a Monday and taken home to wash on a Friday. We have a number of children using the excuse that their PE Kit is in the wash as a reason why they haven't got their PE Kit in school.

## Holidays

I am receiving an increasing number of holiday requests. Just a reminder that I can only grant a holiday request in exceptional circumstances and if you choose to take your child out unauthorised you may receive a fine from the Local Authority. Please try to take your children away during school holiday times.

## Christmas Carol Service

Once again our School Choir will be singing at the Village Carol Service at the church. This will take place on Thursday 21st December at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

## Beginning of the School Day

Please note there is no member of staff on duty until 8.45am. Children should not be left outside school unsupervised before this time. Thanks for your help in keeping your children safe.

## Children In Need

Thank you to those who donated to our Children In Need Day last Friday, we have received £160 so far. This is still listed on our ParentPay for a while longer if any more donations want to be made. Thank you.



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## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the children who donated to the Poppy Appeal in school. We raised a total of £113.96 for this great cause. Thank you.

## FOS Update

### Tombola prize/jam jars non uniform day

Pupils are invited to attend school in non-uniform next Friday (1st December) in return for bringing a tombola prize and/or jam jars filled with sweets or small toys and trinkets for the Christmas Fayre. No bottles for the tombola please. FOS volunteers will be at the school gates to collect the items on the Friday morning.



We're also looking for donations of cakes and biscuits on the morning of Friday 8th December to sell at the Christmas Fayre so please get planning your festive bakes!

We still NEED parents and carers to help with the set up and/or running of our Christmas Fayre on Friday 8 December. The Fayre will start at the end of the school day and volunteers are needed to help set up from

## Vacancy - General Teaching Assistant

Congratulations to Miss Shipley (Reception Class TA) who has recently been successful in securing a new post at another school. She will be leaving us at Christmas and we wish her all the very best in her new job.

As a consequence we now have a vacancy for a 'GTA for Early Years' to start on Monday 8th January 2024. Please see the advert attached for information. If you are interested or you know anyone else who might be, further details can be found on our school website under Vacancies or please do not hesitate to ring the school office, if you have any questions.

More information can be found on the school website:-  
[www.carltonminiottacademy.org](http://www.carltonminiottacademy.org)



# Christingle

3pm Sunday December 3rd

## St Mary's Church

It's Christingle time again!

We'd like to invite you all to join us for our Christingle service, which this year is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm, when we come together as a community to celebrate the light of Jesus and join together in the message of God's hope for the world.

We'd love you to join us for festive refreshments after the service too!

For more information, or to get hold of an envelope to support The Children's Society, please speak to Tracey Taylor or email [thirskparishes@gmail.com](mailto:thirskparishes@gmail.com)



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