

Christmas at QI 2022

As we approach one of our favourite times of the year, we'd like to share with you some of the Christmas events and activities we have planned.

Christmas Cards – Monday 5th to 16th December



Children within the same year group are welcome to exchange Christmas cards between them, but not across the wider school. Please understand that we cannot give out to parents the names of children. Our Eco Club are keen to provide an alternative to sending out cards, so each class will have a designated message board made by Eco Club members for the children to write their own Christmas message to their peers, which we're sure they will enjoy.



Years 1 and 2 'Born in a Barn' Performance – Monday 5th December

There will be two performances - 9:15am and 2:40pm (doors will open at 9:05am and 2:30pm) – no pre-booking required. Each family will receive 2 tickets, which will be given to the children to bring home – **tickets must be presented at the hall door for entry**. Please be aware that we are expecting up to 120 adults so there will be no extra tickets available and small children will need to sit on laps please. At the end of the performance, we will be making a collection for our school's nominated charity, Village Africa - <https://villageafrica.org.uk/>.



Year F Nativity 'A King is Born' - Thursday 8th December

The performance will start at 2:40pm (doors will open at 2:30pm). Each family will receive 2 tickets, which will be given to the children to bring home – **tickets must be presented at the hall door for entry**. Please be aware that we are expecting up to 120 adults so there will be no extra tickets available and small children will need to sit on laps please. At the end of the performance, we will be making a collection for our school's nominated charity, Village Africa - <https://villageafrica.org.uk/>.



Present Buying Day – Friday 9th December

This year, our wonderful PTA are hosting our annual Present Buying Day in the hall. This event offers children the chance to spend time thinking about others and choosing small Christmas gifts for their family and pets (though not for themselves). All gifts will range between 50p and £2.50 - please refer to the Present Buying Day Letter for details of what the children need to bring in with them on the day – children will be given a paper copy of this letter to take home ☺



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 9th December



All children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper into school on Present Buying Day. Although the official UK's Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is the day before, we prefer this to coincide with our Present Buying Day. Our PTA will be collecting an optional £1 donation for the Save the Children charity although you can go online to make a donation if you prefer. <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>



Years 3 to 6 Christmas Service - Wednesday 14th December

Our annual Christmas Service of readings and songs will be held at Waterlooville Baptist Church. The doors will open at 10:00am for a 10:15am start - the service will last approximately 35 minutes. We would be most grateful if, wherever possible, parents could walk to the church as there is only limited parking available. Seats are limited to 2 per family as we may only have the use of the ground floor this year. We will be making a collection at the end of the service which will be shared between our school's nominated charity, Village Africa <https://villageafrica.org.uk/>, and the Baptist Church for hosting us again this year.

Please be aware that photography and recording will not be permitted in this place of worship.



FREE Christmas Lunch – Thursday 15th December

A free Christmas lunch is available for **all children** – no pre-booking required. Any child who does not want a free Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch instead.



**Turkey (Veggie Wellington), Sausage (Veggie Sausage),
Roast Potatoes, Seasonable Vegetables and Gravy (optional)**



Rudolph Shortbread Biscuit and a Piece of Fruit



Gifts to Staff

Our families are very thoughtful and generous when it comes to buying presents but, this year, we would like to express our wish that families do not buy staff gifts. So many people are feeling the financial pressures from the cost of living crisis and we wish for everyone to prioritise their own families. Well wishes are free ♥.



Donations



Each year, we receive enquiries by a number of parents, who very generously wish to support a family in need at Christmas. If you're thinking about donating food or gifts this festive season, we would like to recommend the following local charities;

- Waterlooville Food Bank - <https://www.waterloovillefoodbank.co.uk/>
- Stop Domestic Abuse - <https://stopdomesticabuse.uk/>

Waterlooville Food Bank make hampers for singles, couples and families of four. If anyone is interested in being sent a list of food items, please contact the school office on 92268067 or email: adminoffice@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk and we'll be happy to send you the list.



Krispy Kreme Donuts – Friday 16th December

Our PTA will be selling donuts for £1.00 from the playground, as a tasty end of term treat! ☺

We finish for the Christmas Holiday at 3:20pm on Friday 16th December