

Christmas at QI 2023

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 4th to 15th 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 the names of children out to parents. Once again, we will provide an alternative to sending out cards, so each class will have a designated message board for the children to write their own Christmas message to their peers, which we're sure they will enjoy.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 8th 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. If you wish to make a donation to Save the Children charity, please visit their website to find out how - <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>



Present Buying Day – Friday 8th December

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. On the day, please provide for your child:

- ☒ **A strong carrier bag with your child's name on it.**
 - ☒ **Money in a named purse – enough for the number of presents that they are buying.**
 - ☒ **3m roll of wrapping paper, sellotape and labels (pre-written labels for the younger children please). Please be aware not ALL presents may be wrapped in school!**
- A shopping list of who to buy for will be included in the Present Buying Day letter which will be given to each child to take home on Monday 4th December. ☺



FREE Christmas Lunch – Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December

Monday	Years 3 and 4	Years F, 1 and 2 receive Government funded lunch and will receive a lunch both days if booked for a school meal.
	Years 5 and 6 - packed lunch	
Tuesday	Years 5 and 6	
	Years 3 and 4 - packed lunch	

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

**Turkey (Veggie Wellington), Stuffing Ball,
Roast Potatoes, Seasonable Vegetables and Gravy (optional)
Iced Christmas Tree Shortbread Biscuit and a Piece of Fruit**



Years 1 and 2 'The Nativity – The Story of Baby Jesus' – Tuesday 12th 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 on Monday 4th December – **tickets must be presented at the hall door for entry**. Please be aware that we are expecting up to 120 adults at each performance 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/>.

Years 3 to 6 Christmas Service - Wednesday 13th December

Our annual Christmas Service of readings and songs will be held at Waterloooville 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.

Year F 'Twinkly Nativity' Story and songs - Thursday 14th 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 on Monday 4th December – **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/>.



Gifts to Staff



Our families are very thoughtful and generous when it comes to buying presents but we would like to express our wish that families do not buy staff gifts. So many people are feeling the financial pinch from the cost-of-living pressures and we wish for everyone to prioritise their own families instead. 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.

We finish for the Christmas Holiday at 3:20pm on Friday 15th December and return to school on Wednesday 3rd January.

