

FRIDAY ROUND UP – 4 DECEMBER 2020

Festive arrangements

As you will appreciate, we have not been able to celebrate the festive period in our usual Cranborne way due to many constraints that are still imposed upon us all.

To confirm, we have had to cancel our PTA Christmas Fete. We are, however, continuing with our raffle and thank you all for your continued support in selling tickets. We would usually be touring the local area with our amazing choir, bringing festive cheer to shoppers and residents of local care homes. Sadly, we have again had to postpone this due to covid. Our usual Carol concert held in Cranborne church has had to be cancelled which is such a shame as it is a great chance for our children to showcase their many talents. Finally, with a heavy heart we have also had to cancel the Christmas Meal this year for the whole school. It is such a team effort to pull a meal of this size together. We feel that wouldn't be able to safely work in the kitchen and serving it in the hall and so reluctantly we have had to say no for this year.

Do not worry though. We have not all turned in to the Grinch! We will be offering two exciting meal options on the final and penultimate Friday of term. More details to follow. Miss Jennings has been working hard on our heavily altered Xmas Factor performances and these will be shared with everyone online. We will also be having plenty of fun within our 'bubbles' and as a whole school with a Christmas jumper day, Santa Dash and Christmas Quiz as we continue to prepare ourselves for what we hope will still be an enjoyable Christmas period for one and all.

School Uniform Orders via SWI

We apologise for any inconvenience, but unfortunately, SWI are experiencing some technical issues with their website currently. They have informed us the issues have resulted in it showing there are delivery charges to school. This of course isn't the case. Until it is resolved they have kindly asked parents to telephone their orders directly through to their Customer Service Team on 01928 752610.

Verwood Bus

There are currently a few spaces available on the Verwood bus for the Spring term. Should you wish to receive further information or reserve a place please contact Mrs Willmott in the school office.

Yellow Zig Zag Lines Outside School

Space outside school for drop offs and pick ups is at a premium, and we know that it is very congested. Even so, please could we remind parents to not park on the yellow zig zag lines as they are there for safety to create a clear space for children to cross the road.

Christmas Raffle

Further supplies of raffle tickets are now available. If you would like more tickets to buy/sell, please ask your son/daughter to collect them from the office. As this is the only fundraising activity the PTA can organise for the Christmas period, please support them as much as you can.

Christmas Hampers

The PTA are asking for your support in providing items for hamper prizes in the Christmas Raffle. Pupils should have agreed with their tutors which items to bring in to school, so please liaise with your child. Hamper items need to be brought into school by Friday 11 December to allow for the required 3-day Covid-19 isolation period before the items can be sorted.

Year 5 pupils can access a hamper list on their tutor group google classroom and select what they would like to contribute when they come back to school on the 10 December.

In exchange for bringing in hamper items, your child can wear non-school uniform on Friday 11 December 2020.

Dorset County Council Appeal

Dorset Council are running an appeal asking families to donate new or nearly new warm coats and pyjamas for children aged 3-12, so these items can be passed on to families who need them. Details including drop-off and pick-up points are below. There is also information included about other support available for families.

Keep children cosy this Christmas

An appeal for children's new or nearly new winter coats and warm pyjamas has launched to keep children cosy this Christmas. Outdoor play is incredibly beneficial for children, and with winter drawing in we are asking families to donate new or nearly new items to help Dorset's children stay warm and dry. This has been a tough year for many and these items can be a significant cost for many families. We are asking for those who can, to donate new, or nearly new, winter coats and warm pyjamas that are suitable for ages 3-12. We will accept coats and jackets in all shapes and sizes – although heavy-duty styles are the most needed, particularly if they're weather-resistant.

How it works - and how to pick up a coat or warm pyjamas

There will be one week where people can drop off items, an isolation period for the clothing to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and then a week where families can drop-in and pick-up coats and pyjamas. No checks, forms or pre-booking – simply help where it's needed.

- **Drop-off: Friday 4 – Thursday 10 December (subject to individual opening times)**
- **Pick-up: Monday 14 – Sunday 20 December (subject to individual opening times)**

Drop-off and pick-up venues are located all over Dorset. The full list can be [found here](#) and new venues will continue to be added.

[Find drop-off and pick-up points near yo](#)

Dates for the Diary

11 December	Bring Hamper Items to School
11 December	Non School Uniform Day
???	Christmas Jumper Day
11 & 18 December	Festive Food Fridays
18 December	Last day of term
5 January 2021	Pupils back in school