



Royal School for the Deaf Derby Newsletter for Parents and Carers December 2011



Christmas Arrangements

Yes it is that time again! Listed below are the major school events in December. Could you please make a note in your diaries and we hope to see you at the drama performances and Christingle Service.

Date	Time	Event
Fri 2 nd December	09.00	Primary choir to Derby Conference Centre
Wed 7 th December	13.30	Primary Drama Performance
Thurs 8 th December	13.30	Primary Drama Performance
Mon 12 th December	19.00	Residence Christmas Meal for pupils
Tues 13 th December	All day	Primary to Twin Lakes
	12.30	KS3 to Pantomime
Wed 14 th December	12.00	Christmas Lunch for pupils (Home clothes all day)
	13.15	Olympics activities
	19.00	Secondary drama Performance
Thurs 15 th December	8.45	Secondary Golden Ticket Assembly and Non-Uniform Day
	19.00	Secondary drama Performance
Fri 16 December	10.30	Refreshments
	11.00	Christingle Service in the Hall
		Last day for school - 13.30 finish
		Post 16 - College as normal
Tues 19 th December		Last day for Post 16

Facebook

As you are aware the use of Facebook and other social networking sites is not allowed in school. This should be a safe way for our young people to communicate and not be used as a means of 'bullying' or 'ganging up' on each other. Could you please monitor your child's use of the internet at home - not only on the pc but also on their smart phones, iPods, iPads etc?
Thank you.



How can we improve communication with parents and carers?

Everyone is very busy - parents, carers, teachers, residence staff and others and your suggestions as to how we can improve our communication with you would be very welcome. We send regular newsletters, use our text messaging service, home/school books, home/residence books reply to emails as quickly as possible, use the school mobile phone and respond to phone calls, minicoms, faxes and produce BSL DVDs of newsletters. Please let us know what we else can do. Thank you

Proposed Industrial Action - 30 November 2011

Please note that the school will be open as normal on Wednesday 30 November.

Voluntary contributions

We do heavily subsidise school trips and only ask for a minimal 'voluntary' contribution from parents and carers. I'm sure you will agree that all our young people benefit from the variety of experiences we provide in support of the curriculum and for their own personal development, however, unless we receive sufficient 'contributions' we will be unable to run these trips.

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Come and join us for the Secondary Department's production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on Wednesday 14 December or Thursday 15 December at 19.00. Tickets are £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children and available from reception. There will be stalls, raffle, books for sale and refreshments.



Drumming

A letter is enclosed about possible music tuition. Could you please complete and return it if you would like your child to have tuition and indicate how much you would be prepared to pay.

Cinderella's Storybook Adventure



Primary Department's Christmas plays will be on Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th

December starting at 13.30.

There will be a raffle and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you here.



Fundraising

Have you got any items you could donate for the raffles at the Christmas productions? If so please send them in to reception.

Thank you for your support

