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Purple Post

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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

We're finally in December and are in full festive swing across the Academy. There are rehearsals, trips, parties to plan as well as gearing up for hopefully the best and biggest Winter Fair ever - in these days of tightening budgets it's essential that we try to generate funds so that we can carry on with all the added extras we provide here at QPA. Thank you so much for all your generous donations so far - there is still time to donate any unwanted items for our stalls - please see below for more details and please do come along to support us on Wednesday 11th from 3.30-5pm when we will have a special visitor as well as delicious refreshments and the usual array of exciting stalls and games. Every little helps!
Liz Latham

Winter Fair-11th Dec

This year's Winter Fair will be bigger and better than ever. We will be raising much - needed funds for our Academy. Please search for raffle prizes/ donations of bottle bags/ bottles of alcohol/bric-a-brac and any unwanted gifts. There will be many stalls for you to come and see including a special visitor from the North Pole and we're hoping for some entertainment from the choir to get you in the festive mood. See you there!

Dates for your diaries:

Yr 4 Linking school ST class	11 th December
Winter Fair	11 th December
Mindfulness Day	11 th December
Year 3 Trip to New Walk	16 th December
KS1 Performance to parents	16 th Dec 2:30
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EYFS Performance to parents	17 th Dec 2pm
Choir Rehearsal @ Blessed	
Sacrament Church	17 th December
EYFS Performance to parents	18 th Dec 9:30
F2, Yr 3 & 5 class parties	18 th December
Christmas Dinner	18 th December
F1, Yr 1, 2, 4 & 6 class parties	19 th December
Christmas Jumper or	
Sparkly clothes day	20 th December
Whole school to Blessed	
Sacrament church	20 th December
School open to children	7 th January

A whole forest?!

Thank you so much to all of you who braved the cold and wet weather to come and plant a tree with your child. Every child in the school has now planted their own tree in the grounds thanks to the Forestry Commission's generous donation. We look forward to watching them grow over the years!



<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisation/s/forestry-commission>

And yet more trees.....

We are delighted to be taking part in the St Peter's Christmas tree festival this weekend - our pupils are setting up 3 Queensmead trees (purple ones of course!) that have decorations made by our pupils. Please do go and admire our trees as well as many others, at St Peter's church over the weekend.



https://www.stpetersbraunstone.org.uk/?ai1ec_event=christmas-tree-festival

Warning!

Please be reminded that we are a nut-free environment. We do not allow peanut bars / hazelnut chocolate spread or any food items containing hazelnut chocolate spread. We do have pupils in school with a serious allergy which could be triggered by these products.

Thank you for your understanding around this.

<https://www.allergyuk.org/information-and-advice/conditions-and-symptoms/778-peanut-allergy>

Mayor's Christmas Concert

Last night our Y4, 5, 6 choir were proud to be part of the Mayor's Christmas Concert at the De Montfort Hall. Over 300 pupils from many primary school across the city and county joined together in a massed choir to sing such festive favourites as 'Walking in the air' and 'I'm dreaming of a white Christmas'. It was a very late night but worth it to hear such an amazing sound as a result of all their hard work and effort. Well done everyone and thanks to the parents who came to watch such a great show.

Attendance

We are very aware of the recent fall in attendance in school. It is essential that your child attends school every day unless they are too ill to do so. Please be aware that we always follow up every absence and work closely with the Educational Welfare Officer to ensure pupils attend school and will prosecute where it is evident that absences are not for genuine reasons.

The Sun Newspaper

book tokens

If you read The Sun newspaper would you please collect the tokens and bring them into school as we have signed up for their great

book giveaway scheme: <https://www.thesun.co.uk>

[news > the-sun-books-for-schools-campaign](#)



Boy's football Team

We're delighted to let you know that our boy's football team are still going from strength to strength in their league. They are currently second from the top (with 21 points – leaders have 23 points) but still have a game to play. We wish them luck when they play that final game to hopefully finish top of the league (again!).

Save the date!-Friday 13th December

Family Night at the Braunstone District organised by one of our families to raise money in aid of PASIC (Parents Association for Seriously Ill Children). The fun starts at 7.30pm and finishes 'late'! Please see the Elton family to get your tickets. You could also help to raise funds by donating a selection box for this very worthy cause which is helping our community. <https://www.pasic.org.uk/>

Class Assembly Dates

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Wednesday at 2.50pm in the main hall.

Shaun Tan	15 th January
David Walliams	22 nd January
Roald Dahl	29 th January
Roger Hargreaves	12 th February
Oliver Jeffers	4 th March
Valerie Thomas	18 th March
Eric Carle	1 st April
Mini Grey	6 th May

Sparks Arts for Children Festival February 2020

Would you like to be involved in the creation of this festival working alongside a freelance artist and the Spark Arts for Children. They hold weekly creative planning workshops on Tuesdays from 4:30pm – 6:00pm at the Brite Centre.

For more information please email:

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