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Dear Parents/Carers 6 December 2019

The PTA fairies have been into school and decorated the hall beautifully; Tess and her dad put the tree up on the green this morning, ready for our festive Christmas Tree Event so Christmas is definitely on its way. It will be lovely to see as parents as possible with their families to celebrate together.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank PTA, with the addition of Deborah and Poppy Kakoz. We are so grateful for all that they do and all those that help. We are so lucky to have their support and funding. The Government funding does not get higher each year, so we really rely on this extra money to maintain high standards in all areas of school. We have used money to continue to refurbish the school and the premises and this is only possible due to the 10% that the PTA are able to donate to the school. The Gloucester Diocese will fund projects at 90%. This funding puts school in a good position to place bids to upgrade our facilities. We are currently bidding for an ECO pod, so we have additional space for music lessons, phonics, SEN support, meetings etc. In addition, we are able to keep our experienced and hardworking teaching assistants, who bring so much to our teaching and learning at Amberley. Furthermore, I can't list all the extras that we have had such as musical instruments, art days with a local artist, art equipment, extra class budgets, funding for residential trip, D and T equipment, books, homework materials, Christmas lunches and surprises. This is all down to those people who tirelessly support the school and give their time to ensure that the pupils at Amberley have as many opportunities and experiences that they can. A MASSIVE THANK YOU! Please support your PTA!

The Christmas Carol Service will be held on Tuesday and everyone is welcome. KS2 will be singing four carols on which they have been working with Mrs Mitchell, perfecting their singing skills. This will be followed by KS1 who will perform their Christmas Nativity. Please come along and join us in the festivities.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the PTA has kindly put on a surprise for the whole school. If the children would like to wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform or something festive in their hair if they haven't got a jumper, they may do so.

Messy Church was well attended and enjoyed by all, thank you to Revd John and his team.

THE BOOK SALE-Mrs Lury will be continuing to hold the Book Fair after school every Wednesday, until Xmas 3:15pm-3:45pm all books will be priced at 10p. Many thanks to all those who have already visited the Book Fair and contributed to the library refurbishment.

Whole School Attendance: 98.4%

Government Guidelines: 98%

School Target: 97%

Attendance of the Week: 100% Dexter Class Y2 Y3





# GOLDEN BOOK AWARD 06/12/19 BELTED GALLOWAY

Rory **DEXTER** HEREFORD **FRIESIAN** Tillv Chloe Ruth Leo Alice Tabitha Renée Pippin Gabe Millan Fliss Sophie

### WHAT'S ON IN SCHOOL WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 09 DECEMBER 2019

Monday 8:55am-9:25am Church-All Welcome

Piano Lessons with Mrs Glaser

3:15pm-4:15pm Y1/2 Craft Club with Miss Holden

3:15pm-4:15pm Reading Club with Mr Beech (Invite Only)

**Tuesday** Guitar Lessons with Mrs Mills

Piano Lessons with Mrs Glaser Cello Lessons with Mrs Simpson

No 3:15pm-4:15pm KS2 Eco Club with Mr White

Staff Meeting

**Wednesday** 2:45pm-3:15pm Open the Book Assembly

No 4:00pm-5:00pm Y4/5/6 Football Club with Mr Benton at

**Brimscombe** 

**Thursday** 3:15pm-4:15pm KS2 <u>Last</u> Rugby Club with Atlas Sport this term

3:15pm-4:15pm Y5/6 Last Netball Club with Mrs Smith this term

Friday 2:45pm-3:15pm Golden Book Assembly-All Welcome

3:15pm-4:15pm Y1/2 Last Dodgeball Club with Atlas Sport this term

3:15pm-4:15pm Last Young Voices Choir with Biddy this term

(£1 per session-payable via Schoolmoney)

Please note that After School Clubs finish at 4:15pm prompt

Date	Event
10 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity - 1:45pm and 6pm
December	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group
December	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Station Day
December	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas Lunch for all pupils and
December	staff
19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term-Early Finish
December	1:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
December	
6 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Term 3
·	PTA Meeting-8:00pm-9:00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Bags2School
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Last Day of Term 3

# **PTA NEWS**

### It's the most wonderful time of the year....

Well it is definitely one of the busiest as we all get ready for Christmas. There are some exciting activities happening at school this term but the PTA can't do it without more help! So PLEASE DO SPEAK to one of the PTA team if you can help.

### So things for your diary:

## **Christmas Tree Decorating party – 6<sup>th</sup> December**

We are really excited for the Christmas Tree party this evening. It is always a fantastic event and the children love making crafts and then singing together in torch light around the Christmas tree before coming inside for popcorn, drinks and a Christmas movie (the film is from the Nativity series)

### Some key information:

Please bring some torches for the singing so you can read the song sheets Keep an eye on your emails next week to find out the film for the event

#### **Christmas trees**

Please remember to pop up to Michinhampton to purchase your Christmas trees and mention Amberley School so we get some money for the school

As always if you have any questions for the PTA or would like to speak to us about joining please email <a href="PTA@Amberley.gloucs.sch.uk">PTA@Amberley.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
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# THINGS TO REMEMBER - If you are shopping online THE GIVING MACHINE

With Christmas fast approaching please remember to buy all of your online purchases through 'The Giving Machine' Just one click from the site - <a href="https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/">https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/</a> takes you to all of your favorite online stores such as Amazon.



# MENU

WEEKS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENU 3 Week beginning:	MAIN(V) Thai Style	MAIN Margherita Pizza	MAIN Beef & Potato	MAIN	MAIN Beef Or Veggie
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec £2.30 per meal (If applicable)	Vegetable Curry With Rice Vegan	Slice with Salami Served With Side Vegetables *Δ	Stew Served With Bread & Butter *	Chicken, Leek & Potato Cake With Side Veg & Gravy *	Burger Bun, Tomatoes, Gherkins & Chips  * Ketchup & Mayo Available
Please tick one option and return to class teacher by Thursday	MAIN (V) Jacket Potato, Baked Beans & Optional Cheese *Δ Vegan without Cheese	MAIN (V) Veggie Wellington Side Veg & Gravy * Vegan	MAIN (V) Butternut Squash & Cheddar Quiche, With Roasties & Greens *◊Δ Contains Egg & Dairy	MAIN (V) Turla Turla; Morrocan Veg & Chickpeas With Couscous	MAIN (V) Tricolore Pasta With Tomato Sauce & Optional Cheese *Δ Vegan without Cheese
Colourful Catering	DESSERT Oat & Cinnamon Cookie  * Vegan	DESSERT Banana Bread * Vegan	DESSERT Pear & Apple Crumble Slice * Vegan	Vegan  DESSERT  Sticky Toffee  Pudding With  Custard  *◊Δ  Contains Egg & Dairy	DESSERT Blueberry & Vanilla Cake * Contains Egg

WATER AND A SELECTION OF FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY

\* CONTAINS <u>WHEAT</u> / (v) DENOTES <u>VEGETARIAN</u> / ◊ CONTAINS <u>EGG</u> / △ CONTAINS <u>DAIRY</u>