



Phone: 01493 661523
Email: office@ocppa.co.uk
Web: www.ocppa.co.uk
Principal: Mrs K Rutherford MA BEd

Anchored in excellence

04th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

Preparations for Christmas are already in full swing in the academy! No doubt you will already have heard your child practising their songs or perhaps learning their lines!

We are delighted to tell you that there will be four different Christmas performances this year, by Reception Classes, Years 1&2, Years 3&4 and Years 5&6 respectively. Each performance will be repeated twice on the same day, to offer greater flexibility for parents and carers.

To support us with capacity, we would politely request that families only attend **one of the performances on any given day**. **Babies and toddlers are welcome to attend the morning performances each day and buggies can be left in the designated area provided.** We would however ask that no babies or toddlers attend the afternoon performances please.

Your child's teacher will let you know if there is anything specific that your child will need but most props etc. will be created in the academy for ease.

Dates and times for the performances are as follows.

Year Group(s)	Date	Performance 1	Performance 2
Year 5/6 'A Christmas Medley'	Tuesday 12 th December	9.15am	2.10pm
Years 1 &2 'A Christmas Story'	Wednesday 13 th December	9.15am	2.10pm
Years 3 & 4 – 'Celebration of Winter'	Thursday 14 th December	9.15am	2.10pm
Reception Classes 'Whoops A Daisy Angel'	Friday 15 th December	9.15am	2.10pm

In the interests of safeguarding, please note that **photography and video recording will not be permitted** but class photographs (of all children for whom we hold the relevant permissions) will be shared via our website.



Following the afternoon performances, all children will be taken back to classes to be collected in the usual way at the end of the school day.

In addition to our Christmas performances, the children will be enjoying a range of Christmas activities over the final two weeks of term, including learning linked to the theme of Christmas, decorating their classrooms and finishing with Christmas lunch and parties on the last day of term, Wednesday 20^{th} December.

Christmas cards – we are happy for children to send Christmas cards, if they wish to do so. We have post boxes in year group areas and would really appreciate parents/carers checking that envelopes have the recipients first and last name and class name on the envelope! Please note we are unable to issue class lists of names of children.

Christmas Raffle

We are delighted to have received a fantastic response for prizes for our bumper Christmas raffle (see details on website). Tickets will be on sale at the start and end of the day from Tuesday 5th December. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 19th December in the Key Stage 2 hall at 3.15pm, parents/carers are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Rutherford