

2019-20: NEWSLETTER 4

NOVEMBER 2019

Dear RDM Family,

Term 2 at RDM is marching on – how can it be November already?!

1. UPDATES so far this TERM:

- Special thanks to our Parent Council and volunteers for supporting the annual school Halloween discos – the costumes this year were *Spooktacular* and the dancing was of a very high standard too! 😊
- Mr Boyd along with our representatives are heading off to Birmingham this week for the Global Happiness conference. Special thanks to those who attended and supported the organisation of their bingo tea – it raised just over £650 which will support them to take this trip possible – watch out for feedback on their return!

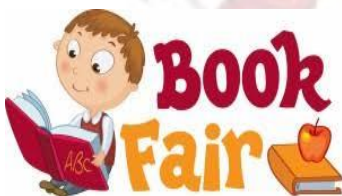
2. PARENTS EVENING

As a REMINDER - Parent's evenings will take place on **Monday 11th November 5pm – 7.30pm** and **Wednesday 13th November 4pm – 6.30pm**. The online booking system will go live on **Monday 4th November at 9am** and will close on Friday 8th November at 9am. The link for the Parent Evening booking system is available through our APP or at <https://rdmps.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>

If you are experiencing any problems please contact the school office 01738 454455, where they will be happy to assist you.

Nursery parent contact will take place week beginning **Monday 18th November until Thursday 21st November**. The nursery team will arrange appointments with key workers.

There will be a **Book Fair** open on both Parents Evenings. We have been altering the company we use for parents evening and this year it will be SCHOLASTIC. The school still benefits from a percentage of all items sold - a great chance to get the Christmas shopping underway!



There will also be a **RAFFLE** for school funds – the proceeds of which will support the Christmas parties.

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And back by popular demand – there will be **RICE** available to purchase!

Please do take time to stop by some of the various tables **WHICH WILL BE SITUATED IN THE GYM HALL** showing some of the work being undertaken in Numertalk and read, write inc – a reading programme we are using in some stages of our school. We will also be looking for your views! ☺

3. In-service Days

Please note that the school will be closed to all Nursery and school children on **Thursday 14th and Friday 15th November** for staff in-service training.

4. Poppy Appeal



As in previous years, we will have poppies for sale in school the week beginning the **4th November**. This is just a very small donation – should you wish to participate. As a whole school we will commemorate remembrance by observing a one minute silence on **Monday 11th November**. We will host our own remembrance service in the school grounds.

5. CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Below we have included our plans for Christmas this session. As a last year there will only be one ticketed event – the P1-3 Nativity. Other classes will have an opportunity for a performance later in the session.



- **P1-3 will undertake their Nativity at Christmas – the dates for this are 11th & 12th December.** This will be a ticketed event – tickets will cost £3 and will be allocated initially 2 per family. The event will take place in the Dinner Hall. **TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS ON MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER from the school office between 09.00 – 09.30 and 14.30 – 15.00 each day during this allocated week.**

If you have restrictions due to work commitments, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate ticket requests. If you are unable to make it along to the school office, a phone call / email will also be accepted.

- The times for performances for P1 – P3 nativity are noted below:

Wednesday 11th	09.30 – 10.30am	P1-3 performance
Thursday 12th	09.30 – 10.30am	P1-3 performance
Thursday 12th	14.00 – 15.00	P1-3 performance

Please note that due to the Dinner Hall being used for performances on these days, the lunch menu will alter – all pupils will have lunch in their classrooms. We will let you know the options available closer to the date.

Should you require any special assistance for these concerts, please do contact us at the office.

- **P4-7 will be hosting an OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT.** There are no tickets for this event, but there may be an opportunity to purchase Christmas treats / hot drinks. This event will be held outdoors at the front of the school on **Wednesday 18th December starting at 6.30pm.** All classes will perform classic Christmas carols which we will be encouraging everyone to join in with. P4 and P5 will have the opportunity to be part of a stage performance in term 3, and P6 and P7 will have this opportunity in the summer term.

6. CHRISTMAS PARTIES / DATES



Date	Event
Wednesday 11 th December	P1 – P3 Nativity Nursery Christmas Party
Thursday 12 th December	P1 – P3 Nativity
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch Wear Christmas Jumpers Nursery Celebration
Monday 16 th December	P6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
Tuesday 17 th December	P5 (morning) P4 (afternoon) Christmas Party P7 Christmas Party (evening)
Wednesday 18 th December	P3 (morning) P2 (afternoon)

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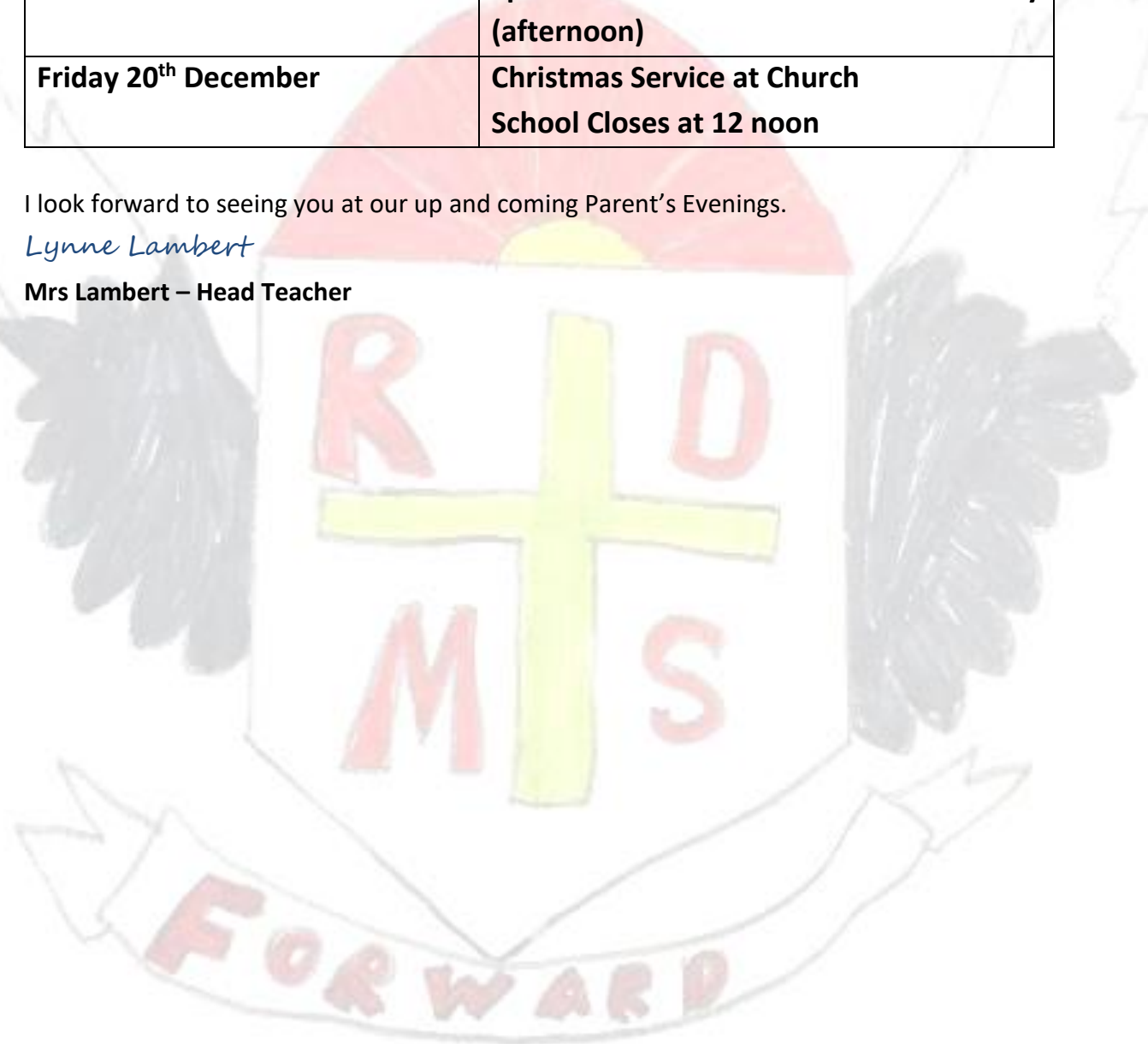


	Christmas Party Outdoor Christmas Community Carol Service P4 – P7
Thursday 19 th December	P1 Christmas Party (morning) Specialist Provision Christmas Party (afternoon)
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Service at Church School Closes at 12 noon

I look forward to seeing you at our up and coming Parent's Evenings.

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Mrs Lambert – Head Teacher



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