



# PeelHall

PRIMARY SCHOOL



## December 2018

### Dates for your Diary



12<sup>th</sup> December (Wednesday) School Choir at Walkden Ellesmere Centre 10:00am

13<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday) Christmas Dinner

14<sup>th</sup> December (Friday) Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children donation £1

17<sup>th</sup> December (Monday) Reception Sing-a-long 9:15am

18<sup>th</sup> December (Tuesday) Year 2 Nativity 9:15am

19<sup>th</sup> December (Wednesday) Year 4 Christmas Show 9:15am

All shows will take place in the junior hall, accessed from the junior playground

19<sup>th</sup> December Party Day – own clothes

20<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday) Carol Concert Y1-Y6 at St Pauls Peel Church 10:00am

20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas raffle will be drawn and winners notified

20<sup>th</sup> December Close for Christmas Break 3:15pm

7<sup>th</sup> January School re-opens



### Hits Radio Manchester – Mission Christmas

If you wish to donate a gift to Mission Christmas, you have until 9:00am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December to drop it off at the school office where there is an area set aside.

Please leave the gift unwrapped so Mission Christmas know whether it's for a boy/girl and which age category it's suitable for. Thank you in advance.

## This Time in History

**December 1, 1640** - A nationalist revolution in Portugal led to independence from Spain as the Spanish garrisons were driven out of Portugal.

**December 1, 1918** - Iceland was granted independence by the Danish parliament.

**December 2, 1979** - Electors in Iran voted overwhelmingly in favor of a new constitution granting absolute power to Ayatollah Khomeini.

**December 3, 1993** - Britain's Princess Diana announced she was stepping out of the public spotlight, desiring more privacy amid unyielding attention from the tabloid press and 'paparazzi.'

**December 5, 1492** - Haiti was discovered by Christopher Columbus.

**December 6, 1921** - The Irish Free State became an independent member of the British Commonwealth.

**December 7, 1787** - Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution of the United States of America.

**December 9, 1990** - Lech Walesa won a landslide victory in the Polish presidential election.

**December 10, 1989** - The first non-Communist government since 1948 assumed power in Czechoslovakia.

**December 11, 1901** - The first transatlantic radio signal was transmitted by Guglielmo Marconi from Cornwall, England, to St. John's, Newfoundland.

**December 13, 1642** - New Zealand was discovered by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman of the Dutch East India Company.

## Dear Parent/Carer

We are fast approaching Christmas so please look at the dates for your diary and note which ones are relevant to you.

On Christmas Jumper Day the children are to wear school uniform with either a Christmas jumper or T-shirt.

Party day is own clothes.

Children should be in school uniform for their visit to church for the carol service.

Parents/carers are welcome to join us at St Pauls Peel church for the service.

## Christmas Shows



Due to health and safety and fire regulations, we are only able to accommodate two people per child to watch the Christmas shows. Entrance will be through the junior playground.

## Christmas Raffle



Peel Hall staff have donated items/gifts for the annual Christmas raffle. Tickets will be on sale from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of 20p each. Year 6 will visit each class every day for any children wishing to purchase a raffle ticket. The draw will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and the lucky winners will be notified so they can come to school to claim their prize. All proceeds will go to school fund which is used to benefit all the children.

## Parent Mail



There have been a few technical issues setting up Parent Mail, but you should receive a text from them in the next few days.

## Reminders



**Late Attendance**, parents should accompany a child who arrives late at school so they can be signed in. The signing in system will show a message saying 'hurry to class' once you have signed your child in correctly.

**Parking**, the vast majority of our parents have supported us by not parking on Greencourt Drive, there are, however, a small number of drivers still putting children at risk by inconsiderate parking. **TWO CHILDREN HAVE ALREADY BEEN HIT BY CARS AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY NEAR MISSES.**

In the interests of the safety of all our children **DO NOT PARK ON GREENCOURT DRIVE.**

**Breakfast Club**, parents should accompany their child/children to the waiting area for breakfast club and remain with them until they have safely entered the building from 8:30am onwards. You can buzz the gates from 8:20am to be let in to queue outside Reception for breakfast club.

**School Meals**, as you are aware Dolce provide the school meals. Please go online (Live Kitchen) and make sure that if your child/children have any dietary requirements you complete the section that advises them of it. Please also try and pre order the meals to ensure your child/children get their meal choice. The Christmas meal is on their system to pre order. If you wish your child to have a Christmas meal, please order online as soon as possible so Dolce know the numbers they are catering for.

## Sporting Events

We are waiting for the date for the next round of the football competition.

## Activities This Term



Salford Reds are coaching Y4 in rugby

Chethams Outreach are working with Y4 Naismith on musical workshops



## School Meals

### Free School Meals

#### ***Are you entitled?***

If you are in receipt of benefits and do not get Working Tax Credit you may be entitled to claim Free School Meals for your child/children. If entitled to free school meals your child/children will also receive free milk, as well as the school receiving additional funding. This allows us to provide more resources and extra staffing to help children achieve their full potential. Even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, or doesn't eat school meals, **please claim if you are entitled.**

If in doubt, check at the school office as this benefits both you and school.

*Mrs G Dunkley*

Headteacher