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# Friday Flyer

Friday 29th November 2024



## A BIG THANK YOU

To the Kenyon family for donating this beautiful Christmas tree.

It has taken pride of place in the School Hall at Graffham.

## Next Week

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	IRock Concert @ Duncton 2.30pm	Parents invited
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4 trip to Haslemere Museum	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Own clothes day- In return please bring in something for the Christmas Hamper Raffle	yummy things: biscuits, chocolates, wine, spirits, jam, chutneys, crackers ... or smelly things: candles, diffusers ...all within date and no NUTS please!

## Future Dates

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Duncton Carol Service at Duncton, 5.30pm	All junior children + parents invited. Refreshments will be served by FGD.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Graffham Nativity Photoshoot Fundraiser	Sign up forms will be sent home to Graffham families on Monday. See below for more details.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 5 and 6 Cello Concert 10.15 am	ALL year 5 and 6 parents' welcome
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Graffham Nativity at St. Giles Church, 1.30pm Performance No.1	Nativity details were sent home last week and <b>ticket sales close TODAY</b> . We still have a few tickets left on the Wednesday performance, so do email the school office if you would like any extra tickets for siblings/grandparents. These will be issued on a 'first come, first serve' basis. Note that Friday's performance is now full.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Graffham Nativity at St. Giles Church, 4.15pm Performance No.2	Tickets will be sent home to you next week – please do check them upon receipt.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chartwells Christmas Lunch @ Duncton	Children can wear CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr. R & 1 – School Trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to see ‘Hey, Christmas Tree’	A letter was sent home to parents this week. Please return your consent slips/payment by Monday if you haven't already done so.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	NO AFTERSCHOOL CHILDCARE @ DUNCTON however DRAWING CLUB IS STILL RUNNING @ GRAFFHAM.	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service @ St Giles, Graffham 2.30pm & Chartwells Christmas Dinner @ Graffham	Graffham parents are invited to join us for the service Children can wear CHRISTMAS JUMPERS for the lunch and Christingle service
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr. 2 – School Trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to see ‘Hey, Christmas Tree’	A letter was sent home to parents this week. Please return your consent slips/payment by Monday if you haven't already done so.
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Church Duncton 9.30am	All parents welcome

\*New dates are in GREEN

#### INSET Days for 2024-2025 Academic year

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 17th March 2025

Monday 23rd June 2025

#### News from Helen Martin

The school is getting busy with rehearsals for Christmas performances now- lots of carols being practised everywhere! The children are singing these, in and out of rehearsals and I am sure that you know them all by heart too!

To save overcrowding at the Duncton Carol performance on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December we would like to suggest a maximum of 3 members of your family come along, you are very welcome to come along to the Christingle service on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am.

The school staff are working so hard to lead us up to the beginning of December next week- there are lots of Christmas plans taking place in both schools. After a lot of very different weather this week, we are getting used to sometimes being drenched and sometimes freezing- please send your children to school in warm waterproof coats every day.

Lots of new information is also coming to you at the moment, both here and also on separate emails and letters- photoshoot at Graffham, trips at Duncton for Y3 and 4; music performances at Duncton for irock, piano and cello; Graffham theatre trips etc etc...do please come and ask in the offices if you are not sure of anything.

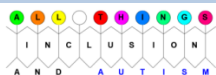
We will say goodbye to our lovely Spanish teacher Maria Turienzo de Lucas on the 10<sup>th</sup> December; Maria also works at St. Anthony's school in Chichester and has the opportunity to work there for longer, so will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term. We thank Maria so much for her hard work and fun that she has brought to Spanish lessons and clubs.

It is gradually dawning on me that I am leaving school very soon, and so I am making the most of my last weeks with you all. It was February this year when I gave in my notice, so it has been a long time coming thankfully. Alongside my upcoming celebrant work, I am gradually also gathering some Geography consultancy for the Royal Geographical Society in London and for a couple of universities. All exciting times; but nothing is going to fill the gap of being with you all every day! There may be tears! xx

## PARENT NOTICES:

- **Christmas Dinner Reminder from Chartwells** - Don't forget to order your child's Christmas Lunch. There will be Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast, with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Mini Sausages, Stuffing and Gravy, and for dessert a Festive Cupcake. You can book directly on [ParentPay.com](https://www.parentpay.com) or call Chartwells 01243 836130. **The ordering cut-off date is 5<sup>th</sup> December.**
- **NITS are still in our schools.** Please keep checking your children's hair regularly for us and treating where necessary. We sent a 20% code to parents for the 'Nitty Gritty' comb and have one in stock at Graffham if anyone wants to see the sample before placing an order. Click this link for the discount code: [www.nittygritty.co.uk/referral/0zehyCI50z0Z?utm\\_source=referral\\_program](http://www.nittygritty.co.uk/referral/0zehyCI50z0Z?utm_source=referral_program)
- **Morning club at Graffham** – Please could we remind you that our morning club starts at 8.15am and the doors close promptly at 8.30am. We offer a 15 minute drop off window for this club – if you miss it, then you will need to wait with your child until the classroom doors re-open at 8.45am.
- **New Wednesday After School Dance Club @ Graffham** – We need 3 more children to sign up to be able to offer you this club in January. If you haven't already made contact and are interested, then please contact the Graffham office on Monday.
- **Post Boxes at both schools will be put out next week** – If this is your first Christmas at our school, then we put our red post boxes out at this time of year, so that children can write and post their Christmas cards to their friends and teachers when they get into school.

We have had this information in for some workshops for parents.



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Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Autumn term 2024

<b>All things visual strategies</b> Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? <b>Thursday 27th February 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online - via Zoom £36 per person	<b>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</b> Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support <b>25th February 2025</b> <b>9.30 - 11.30am</b> Online - via Zoom £44 per person
<b>All things communication and play:</b> Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together <b>Monday 10th March 2025</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 per person	<b>Autism and Girls</b> Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them <b>Wednesday 26th March 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 per person
<b>All things behaviour</b> - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children <b>Thursday 6th February 2025</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 per person	<b>All things sensory</b> - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs <b>Monday 3rd March 2025</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 per person

<b>All Things Toileting</b> Exploring the challenges of toileting for autistic children and practical strategies to get you started <b>Tuesday 28th January 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 per person	<b>Gestalt Language Processing</b> How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners <b>Monday 10th February 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 per person
<b>All Things Mealtimes</b> Looking at the challenges around food and eating for autistic children and practical strategies to support <b>Monday 17th March 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 per person	<b>ADHD</b> Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them <b>Wednesday 19th March 2025</b> <b>10-11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 per person
<b>Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss</b> Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them <b>Friday 28th February 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 per person	<b>Promoting positive mental health in young children</b> Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma <b>Tuesday 1st April 2025</b> <b>9.30 am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 per person
<b>The Attention Autism programme</b> A learning approach to develop communication skills for children using visually based and highly motivating activities This 2 day Foundation course covers all 4 stages of the programme <b>6th and 13th March 2025</b> <b>9.15am - 4pm</b> £240 per person Face to face in Ickenham, West London	

We have also attached a flyer for you this week on WhatsApp and wellbeing

## FGD NEWS from Fi Douglass

### Christmas Cards

A huge thank you to the team who made the Christmas cards last week. Kirsty and Gio provided the printer and space for us to make them up and Tom did an incredible job of organising the pre-production! Super team effort - THANK YOU. Hope everyone enjoys sending out their cards.

### Nativity Photoshoot @ Graffham

Do you know someone who is difficult to buy for at Christmas? Are you still thinking of a unique present? Well look no further, we could have found the perfect gift, guaranteed to put a smile on someone's face this Christmas.....

Tara Cavill (a very creative photographer and mum to Tiger in Year 2) who captured the sparkle and energy of our Summer performance and who recently completed a family portrait for the lucky winners of the FGD Bumblebee Summer raffle (image below), has kindly offered to do a festive photoshoot for us at our nativity rehearsal on Tuesday 11th December. Your child will be photographed in front of a festive backdrop inside the church. Each 9x6 print will cost just £5.00.

Sign up forms will be going home to Graffham families early next week, so if you would like to be included then please return your slip with your payment by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Payments must be made in advance or the photos cannot be taken on the day.



An image taken by Tara of the 'Keates sisters' who won the Family Portrait session from the Bumblebee Summer Performance Raffle earlier this year.

This was kindly provided by Emilia's mum from Year 1 – thank you for sharing it with us.

### Cake Raffle



At Graffham, Polly Pannell baked these lovely festive cupcakes for us. Thank you Polly – just in time for the 1<sup>st</sup> December this weekend.

The lucky winners were the Teachers this week! So the cupcakes made their way into the staff room to keep the staff going through the afternoon.



At Duncton Gosia (Frank's Mum) kindly donated this Advent calendar and Panettone, Woody was the lucky winner this week who will be taking them home, we hope you enjoy opening the first window in the Advent calendar this weekend 😊

*Helen Martin*  
CELEBRANT

## Bespoke celebrations in a place that matters to you

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**Here is some exciting news for everyone!!**

We have just found out the **new date for the re-opening of Graffham Village Playground at the Recreational Ground**. The new date is: - **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 11am**.

Please do come along and show your support.

Babysitting available Full enhanced DBS checked

Please contact Tracey Erkam, Teaching Assistant at Duncton School on 07787991633





**GRAFFHAM  
CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**  
**SATURDAY  
7 DECEMBER**  
**11AM - 2PM**  
**EMPIRE HALL**  
GU28 0QB



**Heyshott  
Christmas Bazaar**  
**Sat 30 Nov**  
**2pm - 4.30pm**  
**Cobden Hall**  
Christmas stalls,  
homemade Christmas puddings,  
cakes, mince pies,  
and mulled wine  
In aid of St James's Church



**Christmas  
Lunch**  
Join our festive lunch by ordering on ParentPay for  
.....Tuesday 17th December.....  
**MAINS**  
Roast Turkey in Gravy,  
or  
Quorn Roast in Gravy  
**SIDES**  
Roast Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn  
Mini Sausage & Stuffing  
 **DESSERT**  
Festive Cupcake  
Scan QR code to order, no later than Thursday 5th December,  
Or visit ParentPay.com  
\*Special diets will remain in place.