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Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

#WakeupWednesday - 10 Top Tips: Safety Over the Festive Season

The holiday season is a time for celebration, relaxation and spending well-earned time with loved ones. While this period will hopefully be calm, it's important that parents and educators acknowledge there are still things we can do to make these weeks as safe as possible for the young people in our care.

Of course, it's not immediately obvious what can or should be done to stay safe over the festive season. This free guide offers expert advice on the steps you can take to enjoy a less fraught winter break, safeguarding any youngsters who might be present for the celebrations.

To see the full guidance please visit the link below..

<https://www.squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=279&type=pdf>



Sources

- Home Office - Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas
<https://www.gov.uk/.../wishing-you-a-safe-and-happy...>
- NHS - Winter Health Advice
<https://www.nhs.uk/live.../healthy-body/keep-warm-keep-well/>
- RoSPA - Road Safety Tips
<https://www.rospa.com/Road-Safety>
- Home Office - Fire Safety at Christmas
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/.../Wishing_you...

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Thank you for your support



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along and supported our learners with their Christmas Performance on Tuesday. I am sure you will agree that the learners did everyone proud performed brilliantly.

Christmas Disco



Squirrel Hayes are hosting a 'Christmas Disco' on Monday 16th December from 3.15pm - 4.30pm at Squirrel Hayes First School. The entrance fee is £1.50 per child. This should be paid on parentpay. This includes a snack and a drink.

Christmas Lunch Celebrations - Tuesday 17th December 2024



This year, we will be holding our traditional 'Christmas Meal' on Tuesday 17th December 2024. Many of you will be joining us for a lunch with your child or children in your family. Letters with the details of your 'lunch sitting' have been sent home with your child/children today and e-mailed out.

Christmas Carol Concert at St Lawrence's Church - Wednesday 18th December 2024



On Wednesday 18th December all of our learners from Nursery to Year 4, will be participating in a Christmas Carol Concert Celebration. Children are invited to wear a 'Christmas Jumper' with their school uniform for this occasion.

Parents and Carers are invited to attend St Lawrence's Church to join in the Christmas Celebrations. The children will be transported by coach to and from the church and the 'Carol Concert' is due to commence in the afternoon of the 18th December at 1.30pm. There will be no charges for this event, although there will

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be the facility to leave a donation for the church. Nursery learners will be invited to stay for lunch and will be transported with our other learners.

Christmas Party Day (All Classes) - Thursday 19th December 2024



As part of our Christmas celebrations, Thursday 19th December is Christmas party day for the Children of Squirrel Hayes! Children will be invited to wear party clothes and play party games. So that the children can get fully into the party spirit, please send in some party food for them to enjoy. Popular items usually include; Cakes, crisps, sausage rolls, biscuits, jam tarts etc. Please ensure that these items are 'packeted items', so that we can check the ingredients for learners who have allergies.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 20th December 2024 (PE kit with Christmas jumper)



As part of our Christmas celebrations, we will be asking all children to wear Christmas Jumpers on the last day of term (Friday 20th December 2024).

Space Cadets - Before and After School Club (based at Squirrel Hayes First School)



We understand that working around the school day can sometimes pose a challenge with the increasing demands of work and home life. Space Cadets is based at Squirrel Hayes First School and runs a before and after school club for school aged children aged 4 to 11 years old. Breakfast club runs from 7.30am - 8:45am (Squirrel Hayes children can just turn up so long as they are registered with Space Cadets). After school club runs from 3.15pm-6.00pm (needs to be pre-booked). Space Cadets also run a holiday club available from 7.30am to 6.00pm. For further information please either speak to the office or call Krystle 07500803876.

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Nursery Admissions



Please be reminded that we have three Nursery intake's per year: (September, January and April)

Your child can join our nursery for 15 hours free education from the term after their 3rd birthday. If you have a child that will qualify or know anyone that does, please make them aware and ask them to contact the school office on 01782 973820 or email admin@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk

Important Dairy Dates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Autumn Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. *Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:*

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Monday 16 th December 3:30-4:30pm	Christmas Disco	All classes
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch - Parents/Carers invited	All classes
Wednesday 18 th December 1:30-2:30pm	Whole School Christmas Carol Concert St Lawrence's Church	All classes
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party day	All classes
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes
Friday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holiday at 3:15pm	All classes
Monday 6 th January 2025	School opens at 08:45am at the start of the New Year	All classes

Yours sincerely,
 Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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