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Advent Fair

This year our Advent Fair will be on the same day as Botton Village's Advent Fair. It will take place at the same time from 1-5pm. It certainly will bring some advantages; hopefully more people will come to visit both places. We cannot avoid some disadvantages though. We have some Botton Parents who will be very involved in the Botton Village Fair and won't be able to contribute as much time to the School Fair as they would like. Last year our emphasis was on creating a Christmas Market, inviting as many stallholders as possible to fill the school hall. As there is already the Botton Advent Fair in the Joan of Arc Hall, our Fair will be more a place for children's activities, crafts, and for people to see the school. We will have our raffle, tombola, and W.O.W stall, crafts, treasure hunt, home produce, 2nd handbooks and school information in the school hall. Candle dipping, gnome garden making, puppet show and star fishing will be in various classrooms.

I hope I haven't forgotten to mention anything.

A last few reminders for our Advent Fair on the 7th of December:

Home made crafts:

We are always looking for beautiful, homemade items for the craft stall. We do have a craft group every Friday from 9-11; 45 in New Botton Farm.

Your crafts should be ideally delivered on the 5th of December to the school kitchen.

Home produce:

Jams, chutneys, biscuits, small cakes...well presented homemade goods sell very well. Please deliver on the 5th of December to the school kitchen.

Cake for the café:

One cake from each family (or small cupcakes, muffins) is needed at our café. If you manage to bake more than one cake ...even better...everything usually sells very well. Cake can be brought on the day.

Tombola:

We'd like to ask each family to bring 3 items for the tombola. Only new and reflective of our school (natural, organic, healthy...no alcohol please). Please deliver on the 5th of December to the school kitchen.

2nd hand books:

Donations are gratefully appreciated. Please deliver on the 5th of December to the school kitchen.

Below you will find the latest Rota for the Fair.

The underlined person of a stall or activity will get in touch with you sooner might have spoken to you already to arrange time involvements etc...

We hope it will work out for everyone.

2nd hand books	<u>Peter R., Gabriella V.T., Nicholas J., Mary D</u>	
Puppet Show	<u>Christine R., Barbro E.</u>	
Candle Dipping	<u>Mark E., Lisa D., Dave W., Stefan T.</u>	
Star fishing (2-4?)	<u>Julie E., Valeska help set up (lyre – Aija R & Gabriella)</u>	
Gnome Gardens	<u>Nanda L., Carol B. Aimee J., Nicky H., Kate T., Diane H., Marc/Rebecca G. & school children?</u>	
Home Produce	<u>Fiona F., Diane H., Jeremy G.</u>	
Treasure Hunt (1-4)	<u>Daniella C., set up (6th.)</u> Valeska & school children 4/5	
Raffle (1-4)	<u>Jeanette G., Louise R., Carolyn J., (3-4)</u>	
Café	<u>Stacey D., Nesy W., Sarah A.B., Liz B., Julia S., Shani R., Yoko T., Kari W., Carolyn J (4→), Jana B., & Class 6/7 serving</u>	
Café till	<u>(1-2) Carolyn J., (2-3) Joanne J., (3-5) John D.</u>	
Craft stall	<u>Hellena B., Julie T., Katherine S., Rebecca W.</u>	
Tombola W.O.W.	<u>Anthea & Nigel S., & Class 4/5</u>	
School information	In Hall In Kindergarten small room	The teachers
Clearing up after fayre	Ben D., Bogdan B., Andy H., Mick F., Richard G., Lee N. ...and anyone else who can. There will be some very tired people by then, and many hands make light work!	

Advent

Advent will begin for school on Sunday, 30th November with the Advent Garden in the School Hall at 3 pm. All are welcome and should plan to arrive in good time. Schoolchildren will sit with their classes. The Church Advent Garden for younger children will begin at 3.30 pm. As is the school tradition, there will be carol singing in advent in the main foyer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.25 with an extra session on Friday, 19th December at 11.45; parents are very welcome to take part.

Gabriella

Danby Dale Gym Club Dates

25th November is the last date before Christmas. After Christmas the club will resume on 20th January (with the younger group) and will meet alternate weeks, as before, excluding 17th February (half term,) until a last meeting of the term on 24th March.

Michael

BBC Radio Tees

Listeners to the 'breakfast' show on Thursday, 13th, were treated to two minutes of exposure to Michael, Mary, Tom Tyrka and Class 4/5 recorders in a brief feature on alternatives in education. Reporter, Chantalle Edmunds, had been to the school the previous Tuesday, quickly visiting 4/5, 6/7 and kindergarten. An item may eventually appear on the station web site.

Michael

Kindergarten Play Area

As part of the kindergarten move to the school site a separate kindergarten play area with swings, slides and other games has been established on Amber Green. This is for the kindergarten children to use and enjoy. The equipment is not suitable for bigger and heavier children. Would everyone take care that the kindergarten play area is properly looked after and not used or damaged by others.

Gabriella for the Teachers

Bad Weather

The school will be closed for the day if the road from Castleton to Botton is known to be impassable. A message about school closure will be placed on the 206-answer phone as soon as possible. There may also be occasions when the school is closed as a result of a consensus within the school that road conditions in general are too dangerous for safe travel, but the fact that the school remains open should not be taken as an indication that the school considers that driving conditions are safe. As local weather conditions are so variable it is impossible for the school to give advice on road conditions that would help families planning journeys from a distance. You should make your own decision about whether or not to travel, based on your local situation, and make the paramount consideration your, and your child's, safety. If the teachers feel that children should be sent home early because of the weather, the school will telephone you in advance. As this is often a difficult decision to make, you should feel free to remove your child from school early if you are anxious about weather conditions.

The Teachers

CALENDAR

Blitz Cleans

Saturday, 10 January - Class One Parents and Class 4/5 Parents (*minus* parents who participated in 1 November blitz)

Saturday, 21 February - Class 2/3 Parents

Saturday, 25 April - Class 6/7 Parents

Saturday, 30 May - to be arranged

Eurythmy class for adults: Thursdays 8.45
School Hall

Parents' meetings:

Coordinators' Meeting: 14 January

Eskdale Trust: Tuesdays at 20.00: 2 December
24 March 19 May, 16 June

Anthroposophical Group: Fridays at 20.00:
Dec 5th, Feb 27th, Mar 27th, Apr 24th, May 8th, Jun
19th. - see Mary for details.

Christmas Holidays: Friday 19th December

Volunteer(s) Sought

If anyone is willing to collate and distribute the Courier and/or to help with similar tasks on a regular basis, please contact me.

Michael

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Please send handwritten articles to Marie-Reine Adams or to the school, and you can also email articles from the website or from the address at the top of the Courier.

Lee and Marie-Reine

