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Dear Parents and Carers,



I would like to start by saying 'thank you' for your support with all our events in the last few weeks. It has been lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and other family members in school for the Christmas Fair, the book fair and our performances this week. It has been lovely to see so many of our community in school engaging with the children and the staff. It certainly feels good to back to 'normal service' this year.

It goes without saying that I would like to thank all the staff at the school for their continued hard work this term. We have had a number of monitoring visits from the Wensum Trust and externally. All of our reports have been very positive; the standard of the children's work and their positive behaviour has been acknowledged. Without the dedication of the school staff this would not be possible. I am very fortunate to work with such a fantastic team.

At this time of year I also like to thank all of the staff in the central services team at the Wensum Trust. Without their work in the background, we would not be able function as a school. We get support from them in range of things including HR, finance, media, legal services and estates to name but a few. I would like to thank the Estates Team in particular – they have been invaluable over the past few weeks helping us with the decoration and design of our new Library (more details to follow next year). All of the staff and children wish them all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Finally, I hope that you all enjoy your well-earned Christmas break. Please stay safe over the holiday and we all look forward to seeing you in the New Year. As ever, if you need to contact me over the holidays I will be checking my emails regularly and will get back to you as quickly as I can. Please use the following email address for contacting me – rrobinson9nr7@nsix.org.uk

Kindest regards

Roz Robinson

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Book Fair

We are absolutely delighted to have raised an amazing £526.73 at the Book Fair. We would like to thank everyone who came along and purchased books. Your support has allowed the school to purchase 20 books which will be placed in the library for all children to enjoy.



Today we say 'goodbye' to a very special member of staff. Mrs Gray, who works in years 3 and 4, is taking early retirement. Mrs Gray has worked at Kinsale for nearly 22 years, supporting the learning of many children across all the year groups. We will all be sad to see her leave but wish her all the best in all her future endeavours.



Year Group News

Year 3

Year 3 have settled excellently into Kinsale Junior School. We have had a busy term, learning all about prehistory, Banham Zoological Gardens, biographies, acrostic poems, column addition and subtraction, rocks and soils, animals and much, much more! We enjoyed a trip to Banham Zoological Gardens where the children represented KJS wonderfully. There have been lots of stars of the week, kindness awards and TTRS certificates in our celebration assemblies. The children showcased their performance skills in a fabulous Christmas production! We look forward to another busy term filled with lots of exciting opportunities. Have a lovely Christmas period and thank you for your support.

Mrs Philpott, Miss Everett, Mrs Bartram, Mrs Gray, Mrs Carter, Mr Baker, Miss Calver-Brown and Mrs Beevor



Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy few weeks in the run up to the Christmas holidays. The children have all written their Historical Narratives based on 'Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman in their Wonderful Write books and they are fantastic! We have also concluded our Sound and Roman topics with some informative double page spreads. The highlight of this week was definitely the Christmas Performance - it was lovely to see so many adults there.

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Year 5

Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying their English topic these last few weeks which has focused on A Christmas Carol. Children have been writing their own set of instructions on how to make a Christmas pudding just like Mrs Cratchit's. They even got to taste a sample which was a first experience for many. The general consensus was it was rather yummy with only a few that weren't fans!

We are incredibly proud of all the children and their performance of A Christmas Carol this week, they worked incredibly hard to learn lines, perfect actions and sing beautifully. Well done to you all.

As we draw closer to the end of the term, children are looking forward to making their felt Christmas tree decorations which they have designed. We are sure they will look very festive hanging on your trees at home. From all the Year 5 team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming everybody back in the New Year.



Year 6

Well, what a fantastic Autumn Term from our wonderful Year 6 cohort! They really have worked extremely hard and approached lesson content and tasks with enthusiasm, interest and resilience. We have managed to cover a lot of the curriculum content and progress has been very pleasing indeed. Despite being tired (and in many cases somewhat 'under the weather') the children have continued to persevere and give their all to their schoolwork within these final few weeks. Well done!

Thank you to all of you who attended our recent Year 5/6 Christmas production. It was wonderful to be able to invite parents and carers back into school again. I'm sure you'll all agree that the performance was amazing and all the children shone in all of their respective roles. We have many exciting educational opportunities planned for the New Year and look forward delivering these within our lessons.

I'm sure your child is really looking forward to a well-deserved holiday and we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.



Diary Dates

January 2023

Wednesday 4 January

First day of the spring term

February

13 – 17 February

Half-term holiday

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April

3 – 16 April	Easter holiday
Monday 17 April	School closed for staff INSET day
Tuesday 18 April	First day of the summer term
Friday 21 April	Class photographs

May

Monday 1 May	Early May Bank Holiday – school closed
8 – 11 May	End of Key Stage 2 SAT's tests
29 May – 2 June	Half-term holiday

June

Tuesday 27 June	Whole school photograph
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July

Friday 21 July	Last day of the summer term
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