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Children In Need-Friday 17th November

We will be celebrating this year's Children In Need Day with a 'Spotacular' non-uniform day on Friday 17th November. Children are encouraged to come in something spotty if possible, to join in with the theme. Please donate through our Just Giving page, www.justgiving.com/page/wells-next-the-sea-primary-schoolchildreninneed

Whole School Panto Trip Cancellation

Unfortunately, it is looking like we may have to cancel the whole school panto trip as we have only received payment from half of our families. The school is unable to fund such a large deficit so unless we receive payments from the families that have not yet paid by the closing date of 17th November the trip will be cancelled and monies refunded, thank you.

Parent's Evening appointments - thank you

It's been fabulous to welcome in so many parents into school this week and to share your child/children's learning journey with you - thank you for joining us. If you were unable to come into school this week, please do contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo and make a suitable time to come in, or speak on the telephone with them. Your contribution to your child's education is invaluable and we'd love to share how they are doing with you. Please don't hesitate to contact the teacher and make a time to suit.

Nursery Christmas Celebration

On Wednesday 13th December 2.00-3.00pm Nursery families are invited in for a Christmas singing and craft afternoon in the Nursery. The Nursery team will share full details of this lovely festive event directly to their families nearer the time, so save the date!

PFA News

The online shop for the children's Christmas card orders is closed, but thanks to Mrs Chesterman's excellent negotiating skills it will reopen for **1 week only from 17th -24th November** to enable any last minute orders to be placed. This will be the absolute last chance to order this year.

The Christmas Jumper rail is now open in the canteen. Donate a jumper, swap a jumper or take a jumper (for a small donation please), it's only 44 days til Christmas!

Mufti/Non Uniform day on **Friday 24th November**, for prizes for our Christmas Bingo. Donation of prizes to the canteen please on the day. The Christmas bingo will be on **Friday 1st December**, doors will open at 5.30pm, eyes down at 6pm.

A big hello and welcome to all our new PFA members, thank you so much for joining us. Mrs Jagger will be in touch on the What'sApp group with you all soon.

Phonics sessions for parents – 16th November

The 'Schools and communities team' we be holding a phonics information session for parents of pupils in Reception and Years 1 & 2 on Thursday 16th Nov 2-3pm in school. Mrs Jones, our school phonics lead, will also be part of the session. Please book a space with the office if you'd like to come along.

SEND Parent's meeting appointments with Mrs Beck and Class teachers.

We are offering again this year the opportunity for parents of children with additional needs (SEND) to have parent's

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meetings with myself alongside class teachers. These appointments will be held on Wednesday 22nd November from 1pm, the last appointment is 5pm. Each appointment slot is 20mins. Please note these appointments are instead of this week's parent's evening. To book an appointment please contact Ms Stimpson via the office dojo.

Year 2 staff

Congratulations to Ms Tottle who will be working at 'Little Gillies' as a new member of staff in the near future – thank you for your many years of dedication to the children at the primary school, especially in Nursery. We are currently recruiting for a Teaching Assistant in Year 2, as well as recruiting to cover Mrs Sheldrake's maternity leave from January 2024. As soon as these posts are filled, we will keep you up-to-date.

Christmas Events Timetable

11th December Year Reception Christmas Performance-2pm at WPNS

12th December Year Reception Christmas performance- 9.30am at WPNS

13th December A Nursery Christmas Celebration 2pm at WPNS

13th December Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 4pm at **APHS**

19th December Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 Christmas Carol Concert **5.30pm at APHS-Please note the change of time**

20th December Whole School Christingle, pupils only at WPNS

Good Work Awards

Reception	Logan for super work in your busy book using your phonic mnemonic to help you
Year 1	Alfie F, you worked really hard on your acrostic poem about fireworks
Year 2	Jaxon, for some fantastic writing. You are showing a fantastic attitude.
Year 3	Amanda, for always trying hard with everything that is asked of you and doing it to the very best you can.
Year 4	Tommy for working hard in all areas of your learning this week, particularly in your Maths lessons when looking at fractions. Well done!
Year 5	Felix you always try your best, get on with your work and ask for help if you need it. Well done!
Year 6	Noah, your writing is always imaginative and exciting. We have loved watching you build your story based on 'The Arrival'.

Values Awards

Reception	Olivia, for showing great courage and independence this week.
Year 1	Skye, you showed courage completing our PE activities even though you found them tricky.

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Year 2	Riley Ri, for coming in with courage in the mornings.
Year 3	Charlie, for trying your best with phonics even if it isn't always something you feel over confident with.
Year 4	Harvey, for showing more courage in the afternoon lessons by putting up your hand and answering questions in a range of lessons. Well done!
Year 5	Max B, you have been showing courage in your writing by just giving it a go and trying your best. Well done!
Year 6	Caris, for pushing yourself to speak out in class: asking and answering questions even when it makes you feel a little uncomfortable. Well done Caris!

2023 Term dates for 2023-2024 <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/wells-next-the-sea/parents-and-carers/term-dates>

5th December – Year R – 6 Whole school visit to panto. **Year N –** Visit to Holkham

8th December – Christmas Jumper Day + Crafts Day for parents

11th December-Year R Christmas Performance 2pm at WP&N

12th December-Year R Christmas Performance 9.30am at WP&N

13th December-A Nursery Christmas Celebration

13th December Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance, 4pm at APHS

15th December – Rudolph Run

19th December Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 Christmas Carol Concert, 5.30pm at APHS

20th December Last Day of Autumn Term

4th January 2024 First Day of Spring Term

16th February Last Day of Half Term

26th February First day of Half Term

27th March Last Day of Spring Term

15th April First Day of Summer Term

6th May Bank Holiday

13th -16th May -Y6 SATS

24th May Last day of Half Term

3rd June First Day of Half Term

19th July Last Day of Summer Term

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