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8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### **Thank you and 'what a wonderful day!'**

Thank you to everyone who made our wonderful whole school visit to the pantomime on Tuesday, such a success. All the children thoroughly enjoyed 'Jack and the beanstalk' and we certainly brought the house down with our cheering, shouting and clapping. All children and staff enjoyed a wonderful experience together and we are so grateful to the PFA for funding the transport and for all the other donations which allowed us to all go. We literally took all the staff which was such a special occasion and one that will be remembered by many for the joyous occasion that it was.

### **Staff changes from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

We are wishing Mrs Sheldrake all the very best as she starts her maternity leave after Christmas – we will miss her, but look forward to hearing of the safe arrival. We are delighted that Mrs Jones will be taking over Year 2 by increasing her days in school, with Mrs Chesterman supporting on a Monday. We are also welcoming Mrs Bunting into Year 2 as the new TA, replacing Miss Tottle.

Mrs Gunhouse, 1 of our Nursery TAs will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a new job as our town clerk in waiting. We wish her all the very best in her new career and are so grateful for her years of dedication and commitment to our youngest children. We are delighted to announce that Miss Weston will be taking over her role as a full-time Nursery TA from the 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

### **Headlice Warning**

We have had a case of head lice in school. Could you please check your child's hair tonight and treat as necessary. Head Lice are a common occurrence in school life and love clean hair. Chemists can give very good advice on how to treat both eggs and lice.

### **Rudolph Run**

We are delighted to be holding a Rudolph Run in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This great event involves the children completing laps of the field or playground, weather permitting, for sponsorship in aid of the Norfolk Hospice (Tapping House). We will be asking for the sponsorship forms and money to be handed in after the Christmas holiday to give families a chance to collect the money over the holiday. We know that this is a cause close to many of our families' hearts so we hope you'll join us in trying to raise as much as possible for this amazing local charity. Sponsorship forms were sent home this week, please check your child's bag.

### **School Christmas Lunch**

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, this is now available to order on SCOPAY. There will be no jacket potatoes available on this day, so please check your child's choice and amend if necessary. Please book as early as possible to help the Kitchen team with numbers, thank you.

### **Christmas Performances**

**We still have lots of show tickets waiting to be collected. Please collect KS2 tickets from the School Office, and YR/KS1 tickets from the class teachers. If you would like your tickets to be sent home with your child please do so your class teacher/school office to arrange this.**

We will be issuing the Christmas show tickets from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. All families will be allocated the same number of tickets so don't worry if you are not able to collect them on the first day of issue, they will be here waiting for you. Bus children will be issued their tickets to bring home with them unless requested otherwise by families,

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please do so to let us know you have received your tickets. If you are not collecting your child please do so your class teacher to make alternative arrangements to collect your tickets.

**Tickets will be issued to the first parent/carer that comes to collect them.** If you require tickets to be split across 2 households please do so to the school office before Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November so we can organise this for you, ticket allocations will be split equally between households.

**Each person that attends must have a ticket, including babies and children** as our numbers are based on fire regulations not seat numbers.

If families have spare tickets you are very welcome to pass them on to other families or swap for a different performance, however the school will not be running a spares/returns list or issuing any additional tickets. Please see below for the details for each class, and do so your class teacher directly with any questions you may have.

**Year Reception- 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm and 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am at WPNS**

Each family will receive 8 tickets for each performance, **tickets will be handed out by Reception staff to parents/carers from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Years 1 and 2- 13<sup>th</sup> December 4pm at APHS**

Each family will receive 8 tickets for the performance, **tickets will be handed out by Year 1 and 2 staff to parents/carers from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Years 3, 4, 5, and 6-19<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm at APHS**

Years 3 and 4 families will receive 3 tickets for the performance.

Years 5 and 6 families will receive 4 tickets for the performance.

Due to the overall number of children we are unable to issue 4 tickets to each child so we have issued an additional ticket to the Years 5 and 6 children as this is their penultimate/last Christmas show.

#### **Christmas Events Timetable**

11<sup>th</sup> December Year Reception Christmas Performance-2pm at WPNS

12<sup>th</sup> December Year Reception Christmas performance- 9.30am at WPNS

13<sup>th</sup> December A Nursery Christmas Celebration 2pm at WPNS

13<sup>th</sup> December Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 4pm at **APHS**

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

20<sup>th</sup> December Whole School Christingle, pupils only at WPNS

There are no awards this week.

#### **Good Work Awards**

Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	

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Year 6	
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#### Values Awards

Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

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

11<sup>th</sup> December-Year R Christmas Performance 2pm at WP&N  
 12<sup>th</sup> December-Year R Christmas Performance 9.30am at WP&N  
 13<sup>th</sup> December-A Nursery Christmas Celebration  
 13<sup>th</sup> December Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance, 4pm at APHS  
 14<sup>th</sup> December-School Christmas Lunch  
 15<sup>th</sup> December – Rudolph Run  
 19<sup>th</sup> December Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 Christmas Carol Concert, 5.30pm at APHS  
 20<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Autumn Term  
 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 First Day of Spring Term  
 16<sup>th</sup> February Last Day of Half Term  
 26<sup>th</sup> February First day of Half Term  
 27<sup>th</sup> March Last Day of Spring Term  
 15<sup>th</sup> April First Day of Summer Term  
 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday  
 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May -Y6 SATS  
 24<sup>th</sup> May Last day of Half Term  
 3<sup>rd</sup> June First Day of Half Term  
 19<sup>th</sup> July Last Day of Summer Term

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