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### Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances are underway with our Key Stage 2 children giving us a fantastic show on Wednesday evening, well done everyone. Our Nursery and Reception children will be taking to the stage next **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** and **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, and Key Stage 1 children will be performing twice **on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Parents/carers may take home their children directly after the **afternoon** performances on **9<sup>th</sup> December** and **11<sup>th</sup> December** if they wish. Tickets have been issued to the children and should be brought to the performances to ensure entry.

We have received several unnamed additional ticket request slips, so if you were hoping to receive extra performance tickets and these have not been given to your child, please contact the school office.

### Christmas Events

Our Christmas countdown has begun with lots of fun events taking place over the rest of term.

- **12<sup>th</sup> December** is our delicious Christmas Lunch.
- **13<sup>th</sup> December** is Christmas Jumper Day; wear your Christmas jumper to school in exchange for a £1 donation to Save the Children. The rest of the children's clothing may also be non-uniform.
- **16<sup>th</sup> December** is our Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church at **2pm**, family and friends are welcome to attend. Children to be taken home from school as usual.
- **17<sup>th</sup> December** is our Christmas Crafts afternoon, **1.30-3.00pm**. Parents and carers are invited to join us for an afternoon of Christmas crafting with the children. There is no charge for this event but we are asking parents for a cake donation.
- **18<sup>th</sup> December** is our Christmas Party afternoon. Children may bring party clothes to change into for an afternoon of festive fun.

### Poppy Appeal

We have raised a wonderful £253.24 for the Poppy Appeal this November. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause.

### Staff changes for Spring Term

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you that Mrs Brown will be leaving us at the end of term to start a new office manager/finance role in another school in January. I'm sure you'll agree with me, she has had a huge impact in the Wells office, coordinating changes and improvements so efficiently over the last year as office manager, for which we are very grateful. Coupled with this, we have benefitted from her excellent clerking skills at governors for many years too.

I am delighted to say that Mrs Fitzpatrick (the current school receptionist at Burnham Market) is going to take on the role as office manager from the beginning of next term, and we will therefore be advertising for a new school receptionist position at Burnham Market School. Mrs Fitzpatrick knows the running of the schools well and will fit beautifully into the role with previous experience too. If you are interested in the role at Burnham Market, please see the attached advertisement.

### Medicines in School

We would like to remind parents that staff can only administer medicines in school that have prescribed by a doctor. If you would like your child to receive an un-prescribed medicine (eg Calpol, cough medicine etc) during the school day it must be given by a parent/carers.

### The Sun "Books for Schools" Tokens

We are collecting the Books for Schools tokens in The Sun newspaper to try and claim £600 worth of books for our school. The tokens are being printed every day until 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 so hopefully we should be able to reach the 3500 token total. Please bring tokens into the school office.

### **A reminder about emergency school closure**

We always endeavour to keep school open at all times, but there are instances such as adverse weather, where we have to close our school. We do this for the safety of our children, families and staff. If we do have to close the school we will always try to inform you via a *Class Dojo message by 7am* in the morning, so you have as much notice as possible to make arrangements.

Please note that we will also update *the Twitter feed on our website* and the “Emergency School Closures” page on the Norfolk County Council website, and then *Radio Norfolk* will also announce our school closure.

As the weather is getting colder we would ask parents to ensure children have a warm coat in school each day so they may enjoy break times outside as long as possible. Please also ensure children are wearing black sensible shoes to school each day and all items are named.

### **Happy Christmas**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy Christmas and new year. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **This week's Awards**

	<u>Good Work Awards</u>	<u>Values Awards</u>	<u>Values Champion</u>
Reception	-	-	Year 2 Blake
Year 1	Mason	Hayden	
Year 2	Connie	Brax	
Year 3	Poppy	Harry	
Year 4	Finlay	Tilly	
Year 5	Skye	Lily W	
Year 6	Kodie	Charlie	

There are no reception awards this week.

### **Diary Dates**

9/10 Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance	7 Feb	NSPCC Number Day-Pattern Theme
11 Dec	Key Stage 1 Christmas performances	11/12 Mar	Spring Parent's Evening
12 Dec	Christmas Lunch	17 Mar	SEND Parent's evening
13 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	24 Jun	Sports Day
16 Dec	Christingle Service St Nicholas Church 2pm	1/2/3 Jul	APHS transition day for Y6 pupils
17 Dec	Christmas Craft afternoon 1.30-3.00pm	13 Jul	Woodland week for all pupils
18 Dec	Christmas Party Day		