

December Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, the term has passed in a flash and we have just two weeks left!

It has been a hugely successful term where we have been able to push full steam ahead with our teaching and general provision; this has really helped us return to our best as a school and having completed a number of book reviews last week, I know that this is resulting in some fantastic learning.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences earlier in the month to find out how we can continue to work together to maximise your child's success. Our staff were able to speak with 94% of our families and this commitment from you, makes a massive difference to the work that we do.

For those few who were unable to make it, please remember that you can schedule an appointment at any point through contacting the school office as we are always very keen to keep you up to date with your child's progress.

Christmas at North Wootton Academy As it is now December, we can finally talk about Christmas with a full calendar of events planned over the next two weeks:

- **Christmas Fair** — We kick off tomorrow with the return of our Christmas Fair. The PTA and Year 5 will be busy setting up their stalls at the end of the day and we would love to see you visit these when the gates open again at 3:30. This is also our first Christmas Jumper Day, in return for a treat jar donation.
- **Nativity Performances** — Both Reception and Year 6 performances are taking place this year as normal. However, please remember seats need to be booked to ensure we stick to fire regulations.
- **Pantomime Day** — We believe this is a really important British tradition and a great opportunity for the children to attend a live performance. So Reception to Year 2 will be seeing Snow White on December 7th at the Corn Exchange and we have arranged a live stream performance for Key Stage 2 in school, during the last week.
- **Christmas Cards** — We would like to return to the giving of Christmas cards, should parents wish to. These can be given out in the class or posted in our Christmas post box to be delivered in the school. However, considering both the cost and waste concerns around cards, parents could alternatively donate a named book to the class for all to enjoy.
- **Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day**— Wednesday 14th is our second Christmas Jumper Day, when we would ask your child to make good use of this piece of clothing using it to catch the gravy spills during our Christmas lunch.
- **Disco**—We are really excited to run another set of discos on Thursday 15th December: one for the lower school and one for Key Stage 2. The summer disco was a highlight of the last academic year with so much fun had by all and so we hope to see this take place again in a few weeks.
- **Christmas Parties**— Each phase will have their own small Christmas Party in the last few days of term: Thursday AM Year 5/6; Thursday PM 1/2; Friday AM Reception and PM 3/4. The children can attend in party clothes on these days so long as they are suitably warm and safe for outside play.

Stopping Outside of the School Gates Please could we make our annual reminder asking parents not to use the zig-zig area as a dropping point. In many ways, this is the most dangerous part of the school area as cars quickly try to move further down the congested road. With children on both sides of the road and some crossing from the Howards area, cars stopping, rather than pulling in, makes it even more difficult for drivers to pay sufficient attention to who is on the curb side. Please could we ask parents to use the lay-by down the road to drop off instead as this is far safer.

Staff We are sad to be saying two goodbyes at the start of next year: Sue Howard, the school's caretaker, will be leaving us after many years of service, working in the background to help ensure the school is safe, clean and secure. Additionally, Mrs Emmanuel, one of our HLTAs, has been a key part of ensuring continuity of teaching over the last few years of disruption. Both will be missed greatly as part of the NWA Team and we wish them the best of luck in their new careers.



DECEMBER			
1st	Thursday	9:00 - 15:30	Selected children - Anti-bullying training at Springwood High School
2nd	Friday	15:30 - 17:00	PTA Christmas Fair
6th	Tuesday	9:30 - 10:15	Reception Christmas Performance
7th	Wednesday	14:00 - 17:00	KS1 Snow White Panto Visit
7th	Wednesday		KS2 Homework Project morning
8th	Thursday	13:30 - 14:15	Reception Christmas Performance
9th	Friday	10:00	School Choir to visit Wyndham House
9th	Friday	13:00	Eco-Committee and Gardeners - Tree Planting
12th	Monday	19:00 - 20:00	Year 6 Carol Service - All Saint's Church
13th	Tuesday	18:30 - 19:30	School choir - Carol service at All Saints church, Hillington Square
14th	Wednesday		Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
15th	Thursday		Last swimming lesson for Year 4 children
15th	Thursday		Y5/6 Christmas Party AM - Y1/2 Christmas Party PM
15th	Thursday	18:00 - 20:15	PTA Christmas Disco - KS1 18:00-19:00 KS2 19:15-20:15
16th	Friday		EYFS Christmas Party AM - Y3/4 Christmas Party PM
16th	Friday		Last day of term
JANUARY			
4th	Wednesday		Children return to school
5th	Thursday		Swimming starts for Year 5
8th	Monday		Activity Clubs Open for booking via Tucasi
10th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Willow class - Additional PE Session
13th	Friday	14:15 - 14:45	Children's University Graduation
15th	Sunday		Reception application round closes
16th	Monday		Activity Clubs start
17th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Maple class - Additional PE Session
19th	Thursday	9:45 - 11:45	KS1 Active Kids Festival - Lynnsport - Selected children
24th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Rowan Class - Additional PE session
30th	Monday		Reception Height and Weight Check
31st	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Juniper Class - Additional PE session
FEBRUARY			
7th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Elder class - Additional PE session
9th	Thursday	15:30 - 16:30	Online Safety Parent Session
10th	Friday		Love West Norfolk Heritage Day - Non Uniform
13th - 17th	Monday - Friday		Half Term
20th	Monday		Children return to school
21st	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Oak class - Additional PE session
22nd	Wednesday		Girl guiding day - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides can wear uniform to school.
28th	Tuesday		Pine class - Additional PE session