

Our Christmas Season has Begun!

Today marks the start of our Christmas season with the choir singing carols at Wyndham House this morning and the PTA Christmas Fair taken place in the afternoon. The next two weeks will be a busy period of balancing normal teaching and Christmas events as we look to manage the children's levels of excitement and therefore, we would just like to cover the main events that will take place over the next fortnight:

- **Carol Services:**

Wednesday 10th - 18:00 - The school choir will be singing at All Saint's (Hillington Square) Carol Service in support of True's Yard Museum

Monday 15th - 19:00 - Year 6 Carol Service at All Saint's Church, North Wootton, with children arriving from 18:40

- **Reception Nativity Performance:**

Wednesday 17th - 9:30 Reception Nativity Performance 1

Thursday 18th - 13:15 Reception Nativity Performance 2

- **In-school/online pantomime:**

Monday 15th - 13:30 - we alternate each year between attending the corn-exchange and celebrating this tradition in school. This year we will be in the class or halls

- **Christmas Disco:**

Tuesday 16th - EYFS & Y1/2 is from 18:00-19:00 and Y3 - 6 is from 19:15-20:15.

- **Christmas Lunch:**

Wednesday 17th - children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper on this day.

- **Christmas Parties:**

Children can wear party clothes all day; however, please can you ensure that are suitable for school, in terms of warmth and sensible shoes that are safe for outside play - see uniform policy for clarification.

Thursday 18th - Year 3-4 Christmas Party

Friday 19th - Reception, Year 1-2 & Year 5-6 Christmas Party

Please note that we have cancelled Year 1-2 PE on the last day of the term and will hold the children's Christmas party on this afternoon instead.

Medicine in School Bags

Please could we remind parents that all medicines need to be brought into the school office by an adult. Please do not send them in within a child's bag as this could potentially result in a serious incident. The office is open from 8:00am until 4:00pm everyday. Please can we also remind families that we can only administer prescribed medicines - our full Managing Medicines Policy can be found on the website.

Uniform Policy: Artificial Nails

Whilst currently, we do not have a section on this in our uniform policy, we will amend this next term and so please could we ask parents not to send in children with any kind of artificial (gel) nails from January. Firstly, from a safeguarding point of view, government guidance states that nail enhancement should not be applied to under 16s as it can cause damage to the nails themselves which are much softer and weaker than adults nails and therefore, we will have to start following this up as a safeguarding matter. Secondly, they are completely inappropriate for our lessons particularly PE, where children will have to start sitting out, and art activities such as clay modelling.

Parent Teacher Association

Work has finally started on the redevelopment of the pond area in the quiet, sensory garden, just off the junior playground. This development will pause temporarily for the winter and resume ready for spring.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER			
5th	Friday	10:30 - 11:00	School Choir to visit Wyndham House
5th	Friday	15:30 - 17:00	PTA Christmas Fair
8th	Monday		KS2 Project Morning
10th	Wednesday	18:00	School Choir - Carol Service at All Saints Church, Hillington Square
11th	Thursday	15:30 - 16:15	EYFS Curriculum Parent Awareness Session
11th	Thursday	13:00	Y5/6 Football Finals at The Nest, Norwich
15th	Monday	13:00	Christmas Pantomime
15th	Monday	19:00 - 20:00	Year 6 Carol Service - All Saint's Church, North Wootton
16th	Tuesday	18:00 - 20:15	PTA Christmas Disco - EYFS & KS1 18:00-19:00 KS2 19:15-20:15
17th	Wednesday	9:00 - 11:00	Maple class last swimming lesson
17th	Wednesday	9:30 - 10:30	Reception Christmas Nativity- Booking Essential
17th	Wednesday		Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
18th	Thursday	9:00 - 12:00	Y3/4 Christmas Party
18th	Thursday	13:15 - 14:15	Reception Christmas Nativity - Booking Essential
19th	Friday	9:00 - 12:00	EYFS and Y5/6 Christmas Party
19th	Friday	13:00 - 15:00	Y1/2 Christmas Party
19th	Friday		Last day of term
JANUARY			
6th	Tuesday		Children return to school
6th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Elder class - Additional PE Session
12th	Monday	10:00 - 11:30	KS1 Active Kids Festival - Lynnsport - Selected children
12th	Monday	16:00	Activity Clubs Open for booking via Tucasi
13th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Juniper class - Additional PE Session
14th	Wednesday	9:00 - 11:00	Year 5's start swimming lessons (10 weeks)
15th	Thursday		Reception application round closes
19th	Monday		Activity Clubs start
20th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Fir class - Additional PE session
23rd	Friday	12:00 - 16:00	SEN Parent Surgery
27th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Cedar class - Additional PE Session