



Dear Parents/Carers

There is a great deal going on in school between now and the end of term and this letter is to make you aware of some of the key dates and activities that are taking place. You will have already have had information about some of these events and in some cases this is to follow but we thought it would be useful to have all of the dates in one letter.

25th November – HSA School Christmas Fair – In the school hall and surrounding classrooms. This event will include a performance by the school choir which should take place at around 6 o'clock.

29th November – Pantomime to the whole school – Children will be treated to a professional performance of a Robin Hood pantomime, funded by the HSA, this will take place in school time in the afternoon. Please do let us know if this is something that you would rather your child didn't attend.

8th December – Christmas Jumper Day – Children may wear a Christmas jumper to school, charitable donations on this day are welcomed but not required.

9th December – National School Games Santa Dash – A chance to be active in the run up to Christmas, more information to follow.

12th December – Virtual Christingle – We link up with other local schools for a Christingle service broadcast from Ely Cathedral, charitable donations on this day are welcomed but not required.

13th December – Elm Nativity Performance in the morning, this takes place in the school hall. For those of you with children in the pre-school their performance also takes place on this day in the school hall in the afternoon.

14th December – Ash Nativity Performance in the morning, Christmas dinner lunch, Y4 Christmas cabaret at 5pm.

15th December – Willow Nativity Performance in the morning

16th December – HSA School Disco after school

19th December – Year 3 Christmas Cabaret at 5pm.

20th December- Year 5 and 6 Christmas Cabaret at 5pm – Holywell Church Carol Service on the school playground at 6pm.

21st December – Last day of term. School reopens on Thursday 5th January.

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I'm very conscious that we have recently asked for donations to support Harvest, Poppy day, Anti-bullying week and Children in need day. You will see above that there are opportunities to make further charitable donations on Christmas Jumper Day and when we have the Christingle Service. I'd like to stress that any donations are entirely voluntary, staff and children will not be aware who has donated and who hasn't, all children have been and will be involved in any related activities, regardless. We are very aware that this is a difficult time for family budgets and that contributing to events such as these may well not be a priority at the current time. We have added a page to our school website which is called ' Help with Hardship' this can be found under the 'Parents' menu. It contains our latest information on available support during these difficult times and will be updated as we receive new information. Please do be aware that if your financial circumstances have changed and you think that your child may qualify for free school meals and pupil premium support we can support you in this application at any point of the year, just let us know.

On the subject of the school website, you may have also noticed that there is a section under 'News and Events' called 'Vacancies'. In this section we do have details for a caretaker's job as we will very sadly soon be losing Mr Harland's services, this role would very much suit someone living in the village, if you know someone who may be interested please do encourage them to get in touch within the next week.

Thank you as always for all your support this term, a full newsletter will follow in December.

Yours sincerely

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