



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Families,

The final newsletter of the term. It has been a busy term but I couldn't be prouder of all them! The Christmas performances were outstanding this year. The children sang beautifully and spoke clearly - the best yet in my opinion! Along with the staff they worked really hard to help us all get into the Christmas spirit.

As we all get into the celebrations, it can also prove difficult for some families financially. If you are entitled to free school meals, we continue to give out vouchers until March next year. For the month of December these are £45 per child. If you think you may be entitled visit the link :www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk.

In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support.

Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service.

Families may get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website at Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk County Council, which includes an online application form, or if they cannot access the internet, they can call [0344 800 8020](tel:03448008020).

Remember we are always here to help!

We hope that you all enjoy the festive season together and look forward to seeing all the children back in January.

Mrs Arrowsmith

Next Week Reminders

Monday 18th – Wimbotsham song on the radio

Tuesday 19th – FOWPS Childrens Christmas party food (no other food available)

Wednesday 20th – Christmas Dinner Day (No JP's available)

Wednesday 20th – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Childcare

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Childcare will commence the day we are back to school 04/01/24. Afterschool clubs will commence Wednesday 10th January with booking information out on 04/01/24.

Our Lovely Christmas Tree

Special thanks to Mr Landymore
for kindly donating our lovely Christmas tree
again, this year.
Thank You

Outstanding Monies

Please could all outstanding monies be paid before we break up for Christmas. Please can we also remind you to make payment when booking your child's lunch, childcare or breakfast club. It is taking the school office an increasing amount of time to reconcile the weekly banking because of this issue. If you are having trouble paying, please speak to the office or Toni Clarkstone as they will be happy to set up a payment plan for you. Thank you.

A Message from the The Poppy Appeal

We write to thank you for your support with the 2023 Poppy Appeal. The total collected at Wimbotsham School is £145.15. This has contributed to the Downham & District total of £28075.06 so far.

Again, thank you for your support of the 2023 Poppy Appeal.



Whole school Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20th December – No other option available That Day!

This year's Christmas Dinner is on 20/12/23 – *No prebooking needed.* If your child has a dinner, I will just mark it on ParentPay in the normal way. It will be the same price as usual £2.35. Key stage 1 universal dinners and FSM will still apply.

19/12/23 Party Day

The FOWPS will be putting on their usual Christmas buffet lunch for the children. There will be NO Hot Dinners from the kitchen. If your child does not want party food then they can bring in a packed lunch from home.
Children to come into school in Party wear if they want or bring it in to change later.

Upcoming Events 2023/24

December

Tuesday 19th December – FOWPS Childrens Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th December – whole school Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th December – break up for Christmas.

January 2024

Wednesday 3rd – INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 4th – Back to school

January 9th – Swans start swimming all this term.

February

Thursday 1st – Young voices choir trip to Wembley

Friday 16th – Last Day break up for Half Term

Monday 26th – Back to School

March

Thursday 14th ~ WNSSP Netball Bee Festival for Selected Year 3 and 4 children

Mon 25th to Wed 27th ~ Residential Trip for Herons Class

Thursday 28th ~ Break up for Easter Holidays

April

Monday 15th - Back to school

Monday 29th – selected Kingfishers & Swans @ Trigolf Event

This is the last Newsletter for this year. We don't break up until Wednesday, but I hope you all have a lovely Christmas!

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!