

Wimbotsham & Stow Academy A proud member of the Unity Education Trust



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Families,

We have very much started to get into the Christmas spirit and looking forward to attending the panto next Friday (Oh yes we are!) The Christmas excitement always creeps in quickly when we reach December. Play rehearsals are under way and we can't wait to see the children perform. We are also excited about singing on Radio West Norfolk so listen out for us! Despite all the excitement we are continuing to maintain routines as much as possible. Teachers are sharing calendars and timetables with the children to help prepare them for the last few week's ahead. The weather has certainly become cold and we want to remind the children to wrap up warm so we can continue to take them outside.

We are looking forward to seeing you at all our upcoming events.

Mrs Arrowsmith

Next 2 Weeks Reminders – Busy time of the year!

Monday 4th – Whole school Decoration Day House Teams

Tuesday 5th — Bedtime Reading Café 5-6pm All Welcome

Friday 8th — Whole school Panto - (Packed lunch please) <u>children can wear</u> <u>Christmas jumpers with uniform from now until end of Term.</u>

Thursday 14th – Christmas Performance @Stowbridge village Hall (Ticketed event) <u>Letter and tickets going out next week.</u>

Monday 18th – Wimbotsham song on the radio

Tuesday 19th – FOWPS Childrens Christmas party food

Wednesday 20th – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 20th – Break up for Christmas Holidays





We are very excited to let you know your children are going to be Christmas Superstars this December! There will be a different school from West Norfolk and the surrounding area performing Christmas classics across the day, every weekday. From carols to pop songs A Song for Christmas will warm your heart with some amazing renditions of your favourite festive tunes. Listen at 7:40am, 12:40pm and 4:40pm each day to see if it's your child's school. The school will hopefully let you know the exact day in advance just in case you miss it.

It's easy to listen to Radio West Norfolk...

- Just rescan your DAB Radio and look for us (the list of stations should be in alphabetical order).
- Ask Alexa to launch Radio West Norfolk.
- Download our app for iPhone or Android from your store just search Radio West Norfolk.
- Visit <u>www.radiowestnorfolk.co.uk/live</u>

Please tune in on the following date: 18th December - Wimbotsham and Stow Academy - All I want for Christmas.

Thanks, and we hope you enjoy hearing your Christmas Stars on the radio.

Radio West Norfolk

<u>Attendance - Norfolk County council</u>

It is so important that all the children are in school on time every day. Penalty notices (fines) will be issued for holiday taken in term time and will also be issued to families who are persistently falling under 90% attendance. We also now have to issue fines for those who are regularly late to school.

Christmas Info

Christmas jumpers with uniform can be worn for the Panto day onwards.

Tickets for the Performance
These will be sent home next
week. 2 tickets for 2pm/6pm
per family.

Safeguarding

Please respect our children's privacy by ensuring that any photographs or video footage taken at any School events are **not**, under **any** circumstances, published on the internet, displayed on social networking sites, such as Facebook, or passed onto a third party. Thank You!



Stratford's Uniform

As from the 01/12/23 parents will need a password to enter our website to order online, your password is WIM001.

Thank You

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.

Safer Parking around School

Please can I remind parents to be mindful of where they park. If you do need to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking in front of the school gates at any time of the day is prohibited.

Parking is available at the Village Hall car park, the pub car park and Recreation Ground car park. Our children's safety is our main priority, and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events 2023/24

December

Monday 4th — whole school Decoration Day — House Teams
Tuesday 5th December — Bedtime Reading Café 5-6pm
Friday 8th December — Reception ~Year 6 to see the PANTO @ Corn Exchange
Thursday 14th December — Christmas Performance at Stowbridge village Hall
Tuesday 19th December — FOWPS Childrens Christmas Party
Wednesday 20th December — whole school Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20th December — break up for Christmas.

January 2024

Thursday 4th Jan 2023 — Back to school January 9th — Swans start swimming all this term.

February

Thursday 1st — Young voices choir trip to Wembly Friday 16th — Last Day break up for Half Term Monday 26th — Back to School

March

Thurs 14th ~ WNSSP Netball Bee Festival for Selected Year 3 and 4 children Mon 25th to Wed 27th ~ Residential Trip for Herons Class Thurs 28th ~ Break up for Easter Holidays