



The St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School, Burgh-Le-Marsh

December Newsletter

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IS THERE A BETTER TIME OF YEAR TO BE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Our Christmas shenanigans kicked off with our Arts Day at the beginning of the month. The variety and quality of the Christmas crafts laid on by the staff was incredible and no doubt the finished items will be proudly displayed at home this Christmas. Arts Day was followed by the PFTA Christmas Fair. Thank you for your support, as the money raised does find its way back to the children in some way (e.g. the Panto trip). Thank you to our PFTA and staff helpers, along with a special thank you to our Y6 children who, with the much-appreciated support of Miss Millman and Mrs. Brereton, raised a record amount with their Christmas games. The festive fun shows no sign of letting up in the final few days of term. Last week, members of our 45-strong choir completed their tour of Burgh, taking in the Mill, the Christingle, the Methodist Church, the Noss Mayo residential home and the Baptist Church.

Although parents are sadly not able to attend our Christmas Carol Service this year, last week we welcomed many parents and friends of the school to a variety of performances. Reception class started the week with their Nativity Sing-a-Long before handing the Christmas story baton over to Y1 and Y2 for three performances of their musical extravaganza 'Lights...Camel...Action'. Sandwiched in between these, Y4 took to the stage for a special Ukulele concert. Thank you to our Y4 team, particularly Mrs. Ranyard, and to our Y4 children for attempting to teach me how to play the Ukulele!

Our School Council were in charity fund-raising mode again this month, this time supporting 'Save the Children' with Christmas Jumper Day and their competition. Thank you once again for supporting the work of our School Council who, with the encouragement and support of Mrs. Gould have really embodied our core value of 'Compassion' this term.

Book-ending the final full week of term were Pantomime-related activities – read more about these elsewhere on the Newsletter! Throw in a couple of party days and a Carol Service and I think you'll agree that our children, our families and our staff deserve a couple of weeks off!

We sincerely hope that all members of our school community are blessed with peace, hope, love and joy this Christmas and into 2018!

Mr. Hurdman
Acting Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

*Note: Dates may change and be added to!
Look out for text messages and letters.
Please visit our website too.*

Tuesday 19th December 2017
Last day of Term 2

Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Start of Term 3

Thursday 4th January
Rec. & Y6 NHS height/weight check
w/b 8th January
Clubs begin this week

Monday 5th February
Y5 History Day – Ancient Greeks

Friday 9th February
Last Day of Term 3

Monday 19th February
Start of Term 4

Wednesday 28th March
Last day of Term 4 for children

Thursday 29th March
Staff INSET day

Please see our website for more term dates.

WELCOME MR. ALLSOP!

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Allsop to our school staff as our new caretaker. Many of you will have already seen him out and about around school at the beginning and end of the school day, as well as at several of our performances last week. Do say hello!

THANK YOU MR. WEBSTER!

We would like to take the opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to Mr. Webster for all his extra efforts over the past few months and also to Mrs. Hayter and all the staff who have stepped in as necessary to ensure we have maintained a safe, clean learning environment for our children.

"Striving for excellence together in a caring Christian community."

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOL

On very rare occasions our school might have to close, either partially or completely. The most likely reason for this would be due to snow or problems associated with adverse weather. Any decision to close our school will be based first and foremost on the safety and welfare of our children and staff. Such decisions are taken with the upmost consideration for health and safety and the minimising of risk.

If a full or partial closure is necessary, we will do the following:

- Notify the Local Authority, who should add the information to their website (www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures);
- Send a message via the TXTRound text-messaging system;
- Notify our two local radio stations, BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM, who will announce that we are closed (it should also appear on their websites);
- Post a notice outside our school (if it is safe for someone to do so).

DATA PROTECTION

Today you should receive a copy of our Privacy Notice which relates to the Data Protection Act (1998). This is the Privacy Notice approved by Lincolnshire County Council for Local Authority schools such as ours. This is just to remind everyone of current legislation in readiness for it being updated and superseded by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which applies from 25th May 2018, bringing with it new elements and significant enhancements to ensure it is fit for purpose in today's data-rich world.

PANTOMIME FUN!

Last Friday, for the first time in well over ten years, we took the whole school to the Pantomime! However, Panto-fever actually began last Monday when we were incredibly fortunate to be able to welcome the whole cast of the Embassy Theatre's 'Aladdin' to our school - minus their costumes and make-up! On our stage in front of the whole school, members of our Young Journalist Academy team conducted an 'exclusive' interview with cast. You can hear their interview on the YJA website at <http://youngjournalistacademy.com/2017/12/14/take-a-ride-on-a-magic-carpet>. The three members of the YJA team impressed so much that they have been invited to watch the Panto in Skegness before carrying out a follow-up interview with the cast!

And so to Panto day itself. Despite booking way back in August, unfortunately we were not quite able to fit 238 children into the Embassy Theatre, so Y6 made the journey to Grimsby to see 'Cinderella' at the Auditorium. Thank you to our Y6 children and adults for making the early start to the day. Thankfully the rest of our school had a much shorter journey to Skegness to swatch 'Aladdin'. As always, our children were incredibly well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. The show even featured a special guest appearance from one of our school staff, much to the children's delight!

Thank you to the PFTA for supporting the wonderful opportunity to take a trip to the theatre. Thank you also to all the staff and helpers and to Miss Leetham for organising the adventure. Finally, a big 'thank you' to Stacey 'Abanazar' Gough for setting up the cast visit to school and proving that he isn't quite so scary in real life as he is in the show!

Aladdin is running at the Embassy Theatre until the 27th December, with performances every day apart from Christmas Day. Visit <https://embassytheatre.co.uk/shows/aladdin> for more information.

THANK YOU TO THE JANE PALMER FOUNDATION

We are once again extremely grateful to the Jane Palmer Foundation for their extremely generous donation to the school. The Jane Palmer Foundation is a registered charity which aims to provide income for students at College, University & Further Education for residents of Burgh-le-Marsh up to the age of 25. It's constitution also allows donations to the local C of E School. The money is provided from rent income from a parcel of land left for this purpose. According to White's Lincolnshire Directory from 1872, Palmers Grammar School was founded in 1726 by Jane Palmer of Newark, who bequeathed to the Vicars of Burgh-Croft and Wainfleet for that purpose approximately 28 acres of rich marsh land. We are obviously planning to spend their donation in a way which will benefit the children of our school and will, of course, let everyone know when we have done so!

We will send a TXTRound alert if we successfully manage to record and upload an mp3 recording of Tuesday's Carol Service to our website. If it works, this will probably be towards the end of the week.

Not receiving TXTRound alerts? Check we have the correct mobile number at our office!

Please remember that as a school we do not currently have an 'official' social media presence (e.g. Facebook/Twitter). Anything posted on such platforms is 'third-party' and should not be relied upon.

SCHOOL UNIFORM IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Find it at www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk