



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

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Another busy festive period is drawing to a close here at school. Apologies to those who have had to listen to me at the various events in and out of school throughout December (I've kept this Newsletter to a single side 😊), but as I have said many times this month, don't believe everything you read about 'Schools ban Christmas' in certain elements of the media. Our 'Christmas' events list reads as follows: Christmas Arts Day, Christmas Fair, Christmas Jumper Day, whole-school Panto trip, Christmas parties and, of course, FIVE Nativity performances, EIGHT choir performances and our end of year Christmas Service, not to mention the weekly Collective Worship led by Father Terry and Pastor Colin.

Thank you once again for all your support in 2018. We are looking forward to continuing to work together in 2019!

Mr. Hurdman

Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Dates may change and be added to!

Look out for text messages and letters.

Please visit our website too.

Thursday 20th December
Children break up

Friday 21st December
INSET day for staff

Monday 7th January
Start of Term 3 for children and staff



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Well, our delight at being able to head back to Church for our Christmas Service this year was tempered by the news that the two sets of side pews were suddenly out of action (see picture). Following our risk assessment, we decided that there would be space to squeeze in Y6 parents for our double cohort's final Christmas service. Thank you for everyone's understanding - this was completely out of our (and the Church's) control.

There are plenty of other Christmas services taking place in Burgh throughout December. The Parish Church (www.burghchurch.co.uk) schedule includes: 23rd Dec – 4pm Carol Service, 24th Dec – 4pm Crib Service, 11:45pm Midnight Mass. Christmas Day services take place at Welton, Orby and Bratoft. See also the yellow village 'card' featuring designs by Jacob and Millie (Y3). The Baptist Church also have a range of services. Visit www.burghbaptistchurch.org.uk/events_december.html for the full set, but they include 24th Dec – 6pm Candlelight Service and a Christmas Day Service.

'SCHOOL BANS RUNNING'

OK, so admittedly this one does look like it's taken straight out of a couple of our National newspapers, complete with an over-the-top reaction of alarm on Facebook. Quite simply it follows a high number of incidents in Term 2 caused by a significant number of the 120 children from Y4-Y6 (which this year boasts double the number of larger Y6 children) hurtling around the playground, showing scant regard for the safety or activities of other children. We have therefore restricted the running/chasing/tig games to each of these class's turn on the 'soft surface' at morning breaks. These classes are also allocated sessions on the basketball court. There are no restrictions on skipping, using the playground markings or any play equipment put out on the main playground. Since introducing the system back in November, both injuries and behavioural incidents appear to have been reduced. Our children partake in high quality, active PE along with active bursts in and out of the classroom. They also have the opportunity to take part in active after-school clubs. We continually review our break time provision. However, this system, along with consequences for children who chose to not follow our school rules, may stay in place until the field becomes usable again. We trust parents will support us in looking after the safety and well-being of all our children and staff at break and dinner time.

'SAVE THE CHILDREN' CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION WINNERS

Class Winners: Ava, Jack, Sabina, Lilly, Isaac, Skye, Brodie

Adult Winner: Miss Newman

Overall Winners: Poppy and Sabina

We sincerely hope that all members of our school community are blessed with peace, hope, love and joy this Christmas and into 2019!

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