

# PORINGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## Newsletter 5 Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearing the end of the Autumn Term, and the school is starting to feel festive. As you can see from this week's busy newsletter, there have been lots of things going on in and around the school, and there are still many things to fit in before we break up for Christmas.

Today, we have enjoyed the first of our Christmas performances, with Reception performing their Christmas Nativity, and Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) giving their first performance of 'Follow The Star'. Over the next week, we are looking forward to presenting you Christmas performances from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, as well as Nursery.

The children have very much enjoyed preparing and rehearsing, and have worked extremely hard to learn lines, actions, dances and songs, and all the other elements that make a fabulous performance! Thank you for all your support - particularly in respect of providing costumes and helping your children to practise their lines. I would also like to thank ALL the staff, who have worked tirelessly to bring each of the many productions together. I am sure that you will be extremely impressed by the children's efforts!

During the final weeks of term, we are also looking forward to our Christmas Dinner lunches, our Christmas Carol Services, and dressing up in Christmas Jumpers for Save The Children (please see the diary dates for full details).

I would just like to remind you that school finishes at 2pm on Tuesday 18th December, and opens again to pupils on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

On behalf of all the staff at Poringland, I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr M Walker, Deputy Head

### Staff Car Park

Two members of staff have recently reported that their vehicles have been damaged whilst parked in the school car park.

It would be greatly appreciated if all pedestrians could take care when walking past parked vehicles in the car park. Please supervise small children closely and do not allow them to run in and out of the parked cars, particularly if you are waiting at drop off or home time.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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## Sports

On Tuesday 4th December, the Year 1/2 Dance Club gave a fantastic performance of 'Shotgun' to parents after school today. Thank you to all the children and to Miss Thompson for organising.

On Wednesday 6 December, Mrs Clark took a swimming team of Year 5/6 children to Riverside Pool to enter a gala. The team swam brilliantly, finishing 2nd out of 6 schools. Well done to all!

## Music

On Thursday 29th November, nearly 50 Junior guitarists and ukulele players wowed us with music in assembly. The musical numbers ranged from Sur le Pont d' Avignon, to Ukrainian folk song, to Jingle Bells and Smoke on the Water, with others along the way. Well done to all players and a big thank you to Mr Cooper who comes into school every Thursday to teach.

On Friday 30th November, we were entertained by the woodwind instrumentalists, and their teacher, Lauren Talford. A number of soloists gave performances on the clarinet, flute, recorder and keyboard, as well as an ensemble performance from the school band.

Well done to everyone who took part!

The choir and Mrs Hayes have been out and about to perform in the local community. They visited the Dementia Group in Stoke Holy Cross and entertained them with some World War One songs and some Christmas numbers too!

Members of the Dementia Group very much enjoyed singing along with us!



## Visit to the Sainsbury Centre

This half term, Y6 and Y5 enjoyed fantastic days at The Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts. They learnt more about the Benin civilisation through looking at artefacts and making their own clay figures. Both year groups were complimented by staff and members of the public on their attitude and behaviour.



Parents/carers are invited to a 'pop up' exhibition of the children's artwork in the school hall on Monday 17th December, 2.30pm-3.30pm.

As part of our Harvest 2018 celebrations, we managed to donate over 173kg of food and as of December 2018, our collections total more than 924kg! Based on the average weight of the food boxes we supply, this is enough food to feed approximately 123 local people, who are in crisis, for 3 days.

We raised £400.77 for Children in Need



We have raised £403.16 at our Book Fair which gives us £181.90 to spend on FREE Books for our school!

And finally we raised a grand total of £339.22 for the Poppy Appeal



Mitch from Poringland Library visited Nursery. She told us what a library is, how to join, how many books we can borrow, opening times, and that we could also borrow story sacks. Mitch also read two stories to the children, who sat and listened intently. Leaflets with more information about the library will be available in Nursery.



Our Key Stage 2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be visiting All Saints Church for their Christmas Carol Services on Friday 14th December. The Carol Service for Key Stage 1 children (Years 1 and 2) will take place on **Tuesday 18th December 2018**. The children will be taking part in a Christmas celebration of festive readings, songs and prayers.

We will be walking to and from the church, and therefore, we would ask you to kindly make sure that your child brings a warm coat to school on the appropriate day.

**Please note that the service will be for the children only because of limited space within the church.**

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th December - Christmas Lunch for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 require a Packed Lunch)

Tuesday 11th December - Y3 Christmas Performance, 9.00-9.45am

Tuesday 11th December - Y4 Christmas Performance, 10.15-11.00am

Wednesday 12th December - Y3/4 Christmas Lunch

(Children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 require a Packed Lunch)

Wednesday 12th December - Y5 Christmas Performance, 9.00-9.45am

Wednesday 12th December - Y6 Christmas Performance, 10.15-11.00am

Thursday 13th December - Y5/6 Christmas Lunch

(Children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 require a Packed Lunch)

Friday 14th December - Nursery Christmas Songs, 10.45am

Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 14th December - KS2 Carol Services

Tuesday 18th December - KS1 Carol Services

Tuesday 18th December - Last day of school finish at 2pm

**Wednesday 19th December - INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)**

**Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Children return to school**

The diary dates are updated regularly but dates may be subject to change!

