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## Important dates

### Outdoor Classroom



I am sure that most of you have seen our new outdoor classroom which was completed last Friday. I hope you agree it looks amazing. This area has room for up to 30 children and they are already using it during break and lunch times as quiet area for when they don't want to be running around. We are very much looking forward to using it to enhance the outside learning opportunities for all our pupils.

### School Closure

We would like to thank all parents and carers who responded quickly to the forced school closure on Tuesday because of the Anglia Water water pump failure. The children's behavior throughout was exceptional and allowed us to quickly release the children.

### Viking Day

Year 5 had an incredible day on Thursday being visited by a real life Viking! The children were able to emerge themselves in day to day life as a Viking, share artefacts and graduate at Level 2 in Viking combat! We were amazed by the efforts and participation from the children regarding costumes. Prizes went to Charlie and Katie for most creative costumes.



### Christingle

During Monday's assembly, we had Mrs Daphne Calvert from our local church visit to tell us about the Children's Society Christingle Service. Children will be bringing home Christingle candle collection boxes today. This year's Christingle service will be held at St Peter's church in Upwell on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm and all are welcome to join in the celebration. If you would like to help with making the Christingle fruits, in preparation for the service, this will be taking place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 9:30am at the church. Collection boxes can either be taken to the service or returned to school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.



### Christmas Performances – Tickets

This year's infant's nativity performance will be performed on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm, this will be the community performance, and then on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the morning and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon for parents and families.

For the shows on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> we can initially offer 3 tickets per family. ***These must be collected from the school office*** and will be available from ***Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December*** from 8am. Any tickets that have not been collected by 8am ***Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December*** will then be available on a first come first served basis for anybody requiring an additional 2 tickets. ***Please remember that all persons attending, including infants, require a ticket.***



For the Community show on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, if you know anyone who might be interested then all we ask is for a phone call or RSVP to the school so we can gauge numbers.

### SATs Booster Sessions

SATs booster sessions begin Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November for some Year 6 children. Further sessions will begin in January. Letters have been sent out today.

### School Dinners

Our school kitchen has once again received a 5 star kitchen hygiene rating following their environmental health inspection. Well done to our fantastic catering team.

### Bags 2 School Clothing Collection

There are a few spare bags in the school office for anyone needing extra. *Remember please bring your bags on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – before school - and help us have a really good collection*

### Clubs

From 28<sup>th</sup> November Choir is moving from after school to lunchtimes. Sessions will be 12.40-1.10.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Dance Club will not be running from this week, it will re-start in the New Year.

There will be no Computer club for year 1 on Thursday next week.

### Thank you from Wisbech Food Bank

We have received a Thank You from Wisbech food bank, which is attached to this week's newsletter. The amount they received over the harvest festival period was one and a half tonnes.

### House points

This week in 3<sup>rd</sup> place were Robots, 2<sup>nd</sup> place goes to Combines, and in 1<sup>st</sup> place Windmills.

**Attendance**

Our attendance figures for the week ending Friday 16th November 2018 are as follows – Gold is awarded to Blue Class with 100%, silver to Yellow Class with 96.7% and bronze to Purple Class with 96.2%.

The winner of last week’s 100% attendance prize is Riley H from Rainbow Class.



<b>What sort of start is your child getting?</b>			
<b>Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...</b>			
<b>He/She is only missing just...</b>	<b>That equals...</b>	<b>Which is</b>	<b>Over 13 years of schooling that's</b>
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year!
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year!
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years!
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years.

**Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?**  
**That’s when every minute counts the most!**  
**School starts at 8:40am**  
**Ask about help with getting your children to school on time every day.**

**Achievements**

Henry D in Purple Class won an award last week for the 'Karate Champion of Marshland St James'. He was recognised for his continued hard work, attitude and commitment to the art of karate. This was judged from the entire karate school who train at Marshland (adults and children alike). Well done Henry.

**Above and Beyond**

This weeks Above and Beyond has been awarded to Harry S from Rainbow class for his continual politeness to others and adults.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Munday, Headteacher