

# Newsletter



## Newsletter 6

19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, the children have been fantastic; they have been working hard in class as well, and have represented you and the school extremely well on the recent school trips and sports events. We are all enjoying hearing Christmas plays and songs being rehearsed, and look forward to sharing them with you. I have included more information about these which I hope will be helpful to you. If anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact us, and we will be pleased to help. There is a form for ordering play tickets at the bottom of this newsletter; these are free of charge.



### **Books for Schools – Welwyn Hatfield Times**

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting the Books for Schools tokens in the Welwyn Hatfield Times. If you have any at home, please could you send them in to us ASAP, so we can submit them in time to order our books? Thank you in advance for your help.



### **Reading Challenge!**

Thank you for all your support for our Reading Round the World Challenge – we have exceeded expectations and already reached Iran! We are plotting the route on a map in the hall, with the help of Year 6, led by William and Hazel, and are very excited to see where we will be by next week!



### **E-Cigarettes**

You may not be aware, as it is a long time since I last mentioned it, but cigarettes of any description, including e-cigarettes cannot be used on school grounds. Thank you for supporting this.



### **Nuts and sesame seeds**

As we have children in the school with serious allergies to nuts and sesame seeds, these are not able to be brought in for packed lunches and snacks. A number of foods contain these, which you may not be aware of – for example hummus and tahini paste. I am sorry for any disappointment

this may cause when your child is choosing things for their packed lunch, but know that you would want to keep all of the children safe.



### **PE & Sport – a message from Mel**

Sadly, dodgeball club has come to an end this term as the stage is being put up for the fabulous Christmas plays. Instead of dodgeball I will be starting a Handball Club for Year 5/6 on the bottom playground on Wednesdays. Handball is a combination of basketball and netball. If you are intending on joining this club please bring warm layers as it will be outside, and could be cold!



### **Sporting Success!**

The children have really enjoyed taking part in sporting events this week and did so well!

- Years 5 & 6 won bronze medals in their first Dodgeball Tournament.
- Year 4 won gold medals at Boccia.
- The senior football team won their match against Roebuck 4-0.
- Bury won the Interhouse Dodgeball Tournament.

Well done to everyone who took part in these events!



**PTFA**



### **Film Night**

Thank you so much for your fantastic support for Film Night. We had a record 200 children – almost double our usual numbers. Unfortunately, this did result in people having to queue and we have thought of some ways of speeding up the entry process for next time. Usually, leaving is a fairly quick process but having to limit adults in the school building due to covid restrictions, meant it was time consuming matching the children to adults; thank you for your patience. Again, we have thought of some strategies to speed this up next time. All proceeds have gone to pay for the coaches for the Whole School Pantomime trip, so all children will benefit.

Thank you very much to everyone who helped before and after the event, and to the children for being a great audience and for tidying up so well afterwards.



### **Meet Father Christmas! Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.**

Come along to meet Father Christmas in his outdoor grotto! Tickets are on sale at the office, with a half hour entry slot, at a cost of £2.50. This includes a small gift from Father Christmas himself! Mulled wine, hot chocolate, cold drinks and snacks will be available to purchase. All funds will go towards the Whole School Pantomime visit.

**Next meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!**



## Christmas Events

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Occasional day – school closed to staff and children.

There are a number of events happening at the end of term, so I thought it would be helpful to share them in a timetable. Further details are included below.

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec
		Play dress rehearsals	10.30am: Reception Play 2.15pm: Y1 Play 7.00pm: Y3 & Y4 Play 7.50pm: Y5 & Y6 Play	Whole School Pantomime Visit  7.00pm: Y3 & Y4 Play 7.50pm: Y5 & Y6 Play
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	10.00am: Nursery Play	9.30am: School Carol Service  12.15pm: Christmas Lunch  6.30pm: Y2 & Y6 Carol Service	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec			
Years 5 & 6 Party	9.00am: Nursery Party			



### Carol Service at St. Giles Church

Year 2 will be performing their nativity play at the Carol Service. Year 6 will be singing and leading the service. The morning service is for school pupils and staff only, due to numbers. Parents are invited to attend the evening service.



### KS2 plays

Years 3 & 4 will need to arrive at school at 6.30pm to get into their costumes. Years 5 & 6 will need to arrive at 7.20pm. If children from Years 5 & 6 are arriving with their parents at 6.30pm, they can go to the Year 6 classroom to wait.



### Christmas Lunch

You will be able to order your child's Christmas lunch on the School Gateway app from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The meal option will show as a roast dinner (meat or vegetarian option); the menu is attached to the newsletter email. If your

child usually brings in a packed lunch on Wednesdays, but would like to have a Christmas lunch, you can order this on the School Gateway app for that day. Our school cook, Mrs Martin, has requested that orders are on the system by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December please.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any issues with you.

Liz Pollard  
HEADTEACHER

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### **Christmas Play Ticket Orders**

Two tickets are available per family for each production. Families in KS2 can either have both of their tickets on the same night, or split over two nights.

**I would like the following tickets please:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year group</b>	<b>Number of tickets requested</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reception	
	Year 1	
	Year 3 & 4	
	Year 5 & 6	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 3 & 4	
	Year 5 & 6	
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Nursery	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Years 2 & 6	

**Child/children's name(s):**

**Class:**

**Please return to the School Office**