



## Staffing

We would like to say goodbye to Mrs Christopher and Mr Fielding both of whom are leaving at the end of this term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their hard work. We would like to welcome Miss De Bue who will be teaching modern foreign languages both at Launde and Glenfield.

## Plimsolls

During the holidays please can you check your child's plimsolls. It has been a long term and your child may need a different size. Please can you also check their condition and that they still fasten correctly. We are requesting this because it has come to our attention that a number need replacing.

## Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday 19 December. If your child currently has school dinners they will receive the Christmas menu on this date which is a turkey dinner for the children who eat meat and festive vegetarian loaf for the vegetarian children.

## Parking

Despite the issue being addressed in previous newsletters we are still getting complaints about parents' parking on yellow lines, zig-zag lines and across local residents' driveways. This is happening on both New Street and Uplands Road as well as in the surrounding areas. Please consider the local residents when parking and park in appropriate places. This may mean you allowing extra time for your journey as not being able to park is not a valid reason for your child being late to arrive at school.

Please also be careful when turning your car around. We are also getting complaints about parents turning around in the road in inappropriate places.

## Christmas Theatre – Foundation and Year 1



The children in Foundation and Year 1 are visiting the Curve on Tuesday to see a performance of Giraffes Can't Dance. They will leave school at 9.20 am and return for a slightly later lunch than usual.

## Christmas Post Box

Thank you for ensuring that Christmas cards placed in the post box in the reception area contain both the recipient's name and class. This has been very helpful for children when they are sorting and delivering the cards.

## Diary Dates

Monday 16 December – Year 6 Christmas Concert 6.30 pm

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Tuesday 17 December – Foundation & Year 1 visit the Curve to see Giraffes Can't Dance

Wednesday 18 December – Years 2-6 visit De Montfort Hall for Aladdin

Thursday 19 December – Foundation Christmas Concert 10am

Friday 20 December – 3.15 pm End of Term.

Tuesday 7 January 2020 – Spring Term begins

Thursday 16 January – Heights and Weights for Foundation and Year 6 children

Monday 20 January – Year 5 & 5 Young Voices for participating children

Tuesday 21 January – Film Night for Years 1, 2 and 3

Tuesday 21 January – Conover Hall meeting for parents of children in Year 3 at 6pm

## Christmas Theatre – Year 2-Year 6



The children are going to see Aladdin at De Montfort Hall on Wednesday. All children will need to bring a packed lunch to eat before leaving for the Theatre. There will be no school dinners for children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on this date. The children will leave school at 12.15pm and return at approximately 4.15pm. If the return time should change we will update you by text message.

Your child will need a small snack (ie packet of crisps) and a water bottle for the interval. Please do not send sweets.

**When the children return please wait for them outside their class areas as they will need to come to their classroom to collect their belongings.** Teachers will not be able to dismiss children from the bus.

## Christmas Parties

Christmas parties are taking place on the following dates and you will receive further information from your child's class teacher.

Foundation	-	Friday 20 December	Year 4	-	Thursday 19 December
Year 1	-	Friday 13 December	Year 5	-	Thursday 19 December
Year 2	-	Tuesday 17 December	Year 6	-	Tuesday 17 December
Year 3	-	Friday 13 December			

## Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see the children wearing their Christmas Jumpers today. Thank you for helping your child take part in this event which has helped to raise money for Save the Children. The amount raised was £440. The children in FS, Y1 and Y2 were visited by Mrs Burgess from the charity who explained what the money will be used for. I'm sure the children will be able to share with you some of these.



## Attendance

You will receive your child's attendance information for this term next Friday. If your child has above 96% attendance thank you for helping them to achieve this. However, if it is lower than that please support your child in attending school.

We are still getting a number of parents taking their child out of school for holidays or various other reasons which greatly affects your child's attendance. Please note that any time taken for such reasons is marked as 'unauthorised' and this mark will remain on your child's school records. Holiday always reduces your child's attendance to below the expected level so please do not take holidays in term time as it does affect your child's outcomes.

## Dinner Money

For parents' who pay for their child's school dinners by the half term the amount needed from 7 January to February half term is £65.25.

## Diosing

We are pleased to inform you that you can listen to a very festive recording of children in Striding Edge singing, organised by our Diosing teacher. Do listen to it by clicking on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyeihFc54g4>

## Merry Christmas

As this is the last newsletter of the term may we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School will close at 3.15 pm on Friday 20 December and the children return to school on Tuesday 7 January.