



Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

12th December 2017

Snow

Please can we thank everyone for their understanding when we were forced to close the school yesterday. It is never an easy decision to make but following advice from Herts County Council and Herts Police it was decided for the safety of the children to keep the school closed after the heavy snowfall over the weekend.

Mr Watts has spent many hours clearing the paths and applying salt but they may well still be slippery so please take care.

Pantomime

Thank you so much to the PTA who so generously paid for the children to go to see Beauty and the Beast at The Hawthorne Theatre last Friday. It was a great experience for everyone. Nursery class had a visit from an entertainer who had them captivated with his jokes and magic tricks.

Temporary Site Supervisor

An afternoon of interviews took place last week and we are pleased to tell everyone that Mr Joshua Griggs has been offered the job as Site Supervisor whilst Mr Watts is absent from work. Mr Griggs has already been in school helping Mr Watts clear away all the snow and ice and will spend further days with us getting to know the children and staff before starting officially in January.

Christmas Plays

As an unfortunate result of yesterday's school closure we have had to reschedule two of our Christmas performances.

For parents / carers who had tickets for the postponed performances here are the new dates. All tickets will still stand from the performances that were missed. If these are not convenient please call into the office and talk to Mrs Edgell about the possibility of attending a different performance. Many apologies again as we understand what a busy time of year this is for everyone:

- *The Littlest Fir Tree (yrs. 1, 2, 3) will now be performed on Thursday 14th December at 2pm.*
- *Aladdin (yrs. 4, 5, 6) will now be performed on Monday 18th December at 7pm.*

Unfortunately there is not a crèche available for today's performance, please remember under 4's are not allowed to attend as it can be a disruption to the children performing.

Foundation Stage Performance

At 11.00am on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December the children in Nursery and Reception will be performing their Nativity. We do not allocate tickets for this but would ask that parents / carers etc do not arrive before 10.45am on either day as we will be using the hall for assemblies etc before that. If you are coming please remember that some of the children are only 3 years old and an audience can be quite daunting!



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Swimming at Hatfield

The last swimming session for this term will be on **Thursday 14th December** for Years 4 & 6. Please make any outstanding contributions to school by this **Friday 15th December**, thank you.

Christmas Lunch

This is planned for **Monday 18th December** and is one of the highlights of the year. All the children and staff sit down to eat at the same time and there is a really festive feel to the meal.

Christingle

Mr Mitchell has been working very hard with all of the children in preparation for our Christingle service. We are aiming to start at approximately 1.15pm when each class will perform and there will be some songs performed by the whole school, these are especially powerful. This will be a wonderful way to end the term at 2pm on **Tuesday 19th December**.

Just to remind all parents / carers that we have an INSET day for staff on **Wednesday 3rd January** so term begins for the children at 8.40am on **Thursday 4th January 2018**.