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Panshanger Primary School

Christmas Time

Message from Mr Longland

Here we are approaching the end of term and the end of 2023. I would like to thank you all for making me feel welcome at your school and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term getting to know the children, staff and yourselves; as well as finding ways to improve our offer to the children. I hope you all have a restful festive break and we return to school in the new year full of energy for the spring term.

Thank you!

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Christmas Performances

Thank you everyone who has supported our Christmas performances this festive season. Whether that be by: helping your child to learn their lines, singing along at home to remember the words or being part of our audience during our performances.

We are all incredibly proud of our children during this time and it was fantastic to see the musicality and dramatic expertise we have across the school.

This was also the first year in a long time that our audience were allowed to take photos and videos during our performances. I would like to politely remind everyone that these are for personal use only and should not be shared on social media under any circumstances. Failure to comply with this may result in this being removed for future occasions.

School Trip to Duxford - Year 6



Year 6 were a pleasure to take on their school trip to Duxford last week. The children were very lucky to have an expert on hand to guide them around the various hangers full of aircraft and other war memorabilia. The children had many thought-provoking questions that really challenged our guide. Well done Year 6, you represented the school and yourselves incredibly well.







Christmas Concert



Just a reminder that our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Monday 18th December. As usual, there will be 2 performances. The first will be at 9:00 and the second at 14:30. Each performance is estimated to last approximately 45 minutes. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved in the event.

Panshanger Christmas Day



Tuesday 19th December will be our Christmas Day at Panshanger this year. The children are more than welcome to wear a wintery/festive jumper on this day. This is also the day for our Christmas lunch. Please make sure this is booked via the online booking system in advance.

Any Nursery children who usually leave at 12:00 are invited to stay for lunch and then be picked up at 13:00. Please provide your child with a packed lunch if this is the case.

Cross Country

Well done to all the year 4,5 and 6 children who took part in the U11 Welwyn Garden City Primary School Cross Country event on Friday 8th December at Sherrardswood School. It was a challenging course, but they all had fun and showed great sportsmanship to their fellow teams mates and other competitors. A special congratulations to Henry who finished first in the year 5 boys' race!

Well done.

Mrs Littleford & Mrs Quinn





Recycle to Read



It's that time of year when we may end up using more batteries than usual. We have a recycling box for batteries available in our school reception area which contributes towards books for the school. This year we converted our batteries into over £100 worth of books. Thank you to all that have taken the time to bring your batteries in this year. Every battery counts!

Parent Consultations



We will be holding parent consultations in an identical format to the previous consultations during the autumn term. We will be offering enough face to face appointments for all children with an additional 6 online appointments for parents unable to attend on the following dates:

Friday 1st March 2024 - 14:20 - 17:10

Monday 4th March 2024 - 15:40 - 16:50 followed by 17:25 - 18:20 (*online only*)

The online booking system will go live on **Friday 16th February at 17:30** and will then close on Tuesday 27th February at 12:00.

Year 4 & 5 Performance

Save the dates!



Wednesday 27th March 2024 - 18:00 - 19:30

Thursday 28th March 2024 - 12:30 - 14:00

More details to follow...



PTA Updates

Thank you so much to all parents and teachers who have supported our events this term, especially our amazing volunteers who make it all happen. The children have had a great time at the film nights and the coat sale and wreath-making have been good for parents too. Across all 5 events (excluding the 100 club) we have raised an incredible total of £1574 that can be used to support the school over the coming year.

The next PTA meeting is at school on Thursday 11th January at 7pm. Please come along to join us in discussing how funding can be allocated and planning next terms events. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Dates for the diary

Thursday 11th January - PTA Meeting @ 19.00

More details to follow...

Please check your class WhatsApp groups

Dates for the Diary

Monday 18th December - Christmas Concert @ 9.00 & 14.30

Tuesday 19th December - Panshanger Christmas Day

Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term - Finish at 14.00

Thursday 4th January - Children back to school

More dates are available on the ['Diary Dates'](#) page of our website

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