



# Autumn Term 2017

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has officially arrived at school! Today is Christmas Jumper Day, and the children all look wonderful in their festive outfits. Thank you for all 'bottle' donations for the Christmas raffle hampers. The children have been working really hard on the Christmas production, and it's looking and sounding very impressive! Christmas productions are led by our Year 3 and Year 4 children, while summer productions are led by our year 5 and 6 pupils. Please purchase tickets for next week's performances from the school office. **Please ensure all costumes are brought in to school on Monday, in a named carrier bag, for the dress rehearsal.**

A Christmas lunch for the children, complete with Christmas crackers, is available to order from the Dolce website in the usual way for the children to enjoy on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please see Mrs Sawyer with any queries.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, during the final week of term, children are invited to wear their party clothes for a donation of £1. All money raised will support the work of Christian Aid's 'Present Aid', and you can find more information at <https://www.presentaid.org/>

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place at 2pm on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn, and will mark the end of a very positive and busy term! Please come and join us for the service. Children can be taken home directly from the church, and no book bags will be required that day.

As I'm sure you are all aware, the school had a Section 8 Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday. It was a very positive and useful day, and I am particularly proud of the children, who replied 'We are!' when asked 'Who are the most important people in this school?' Well done everyone - you are a credit to our wonderful school. The full report will be published in the next few weeks for you to read.

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs. Pip Sutterby as a part-time teacher in Robins Class, starting in January. Pip has EYFS leadership experience and is keen to be a part of our rapidly developing and forward thinking staff team. She has excellent communication skills, and a lovely rapport with the children. Some of you may know Pip as Mum to Harry and Molly. We very much look forward to welcoming her to our school (in a professional capacity) in January!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lou Coulthard, Head of School

## No more clubs this term

Please note that Clubs have finished for this term, and new clubs will begin on the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. More information will be available at the start of the Spring Term.



### Benfield Christmas Tree Festival

We will be entering the Christmas tree festival at St Mary the Virgin Church in Lower Benfield again this year. The children will be making wonderful ice and snow-themed decorations for our tree. Please do go along to the festival on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December to see the tree in all its glory!

	<b>Upcoming dates for your diary</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal 2pm (pre-schoolers welcome)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance 2pm <b>Tickets available from the school office</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance 6pm <b>Tickets available from the school office</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Dolce Christmas lunch <b>Please order your child's Christmas lunch via Dolce</b> (Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they prefer)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Class Christmas parties in the afternoon <b>Bring party clothes to change in to and a donation of a £1 for PresentAid</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Concert 2pm - all welcome <b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	INSET Teacher training day (no pupils)
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>



### Christingle Service

You are warmly welcomed to St. Leonard's Church, Glaphorn at 5pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December for a very special Christingle service.

### SNOW DAY?

The forecast this weekend is that it is getting colder, with the possibility of snow. In the unlikely event that it snows very heavily and it looks impossible to open the school, please listen to Heart FM Local Radio or look on either the School website or NCC website and check whether or not the school is closed.



### Homework Club!

Mrs Edwards will be available to give help and support with homework to KS2 children on Thursday lunchtimes in the new term. Please just turn up to Nightingales classroom if you feel you'd like some help!

### Term dates for pupils 2018-19

**Please note that a few of these dates may be different to Northants term dates**

**Autumn Term 1:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Autumn Term 2:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Spring Term 1:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Spring Term 2:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Summer Term 1:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Summer Term 2:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019



### Wreath making evening!

Thank you to FOGS who organised a very successful Wreath making evening, raising a total of £250 for the school. Super - impressive work ladies (and gent!).



### Winter Wonderland Library Challenge

Mrs Hunt has invited all children to let their imaginations run wild over the Christmas holidays and create a painted scene, collage, hanging mobile or a mixture of all three for display in the library next term! Designs should include a descriptive word, phrase or poem linked to the theme of 'Winter'. There will a prize for all children that enter!



Friday Afternoon Baby and Toddler Group have very kindly donated a wheelbarrow to the School as this was a piece of equipment noticeably lacking, particularly on Dads Big Tidy Up Day!

Many thanks to the Group - it will be very useful.