



# Newsletter 4 - December 2021



## Christmas is coming...



This busy term is racing towards the Christmas holidays but there is still plenty going on. Within this newsletter is some useful information around events over the next few days so please read it carefully.



### Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

We are very much looking forward to our trip to the pantomime to see Sleeping Beauty. The pantomime starts at 1.00pm at The Castle Theatre. We will be walking the children down to the theatre after they have had an early lunch at school. Please note, **no bookbags will be needed on that day and if your child brings a packed lunch from home, please could it be fully disposable, in a plastic bag that can be thrown away after lunch. Water bottles can be left at school, we will fill them up at school the following day - please do not return to school to collect them.**

#### Pick up arrangements:

We understand the show should be finished around 3.30pm. We would like parents / carers to please **collect the children from The Castle Theatre at 3.30pm.** If you need to collect an older sibling from Park Junior School please collect them first and then collect your child from The Castle. Please meet us on the car park side of the theatre, NOT inside the building. Staff will gather the children in their classes and release the children to you as we would at school. **Can we ask parents / carers to stand back so we are able to view the adults there to collect and hand the children over safely.** Please bear with us as this may take us some time to ensure each child is sent to the correct adult. Children attending After School Club will be walked back up to school with staff. Please note that we will walk pupils back up to school if their adult has not collected after 15 minutes but we will not be able to release children to their collecting adult during this walk back, only once we are back at school.



### Christmas cards



Children can bring in Christmas cards for our festive postal service. The post box is in the school library. The cards need to be clearly marked with the child's name and class. The last day for 'posting' will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** we will be supporting Save the Children. The children can come to school in a Christmas jumper (or other mufti) in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. Thank you for your support of this good cause.



## Christmas Celebration



On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** we will be holding our Christmas Celebration at the United Reformed Church on High Street Wellingborough (opposite Jackson Lane car park).

The children are all working incredibly hard practising the songs and we have some willing actors and narrators who are also rehearsing their lines. It will be a fantastic, festive occasion.

The celebration will start at **1.45pm** and we look forward to seeing you there. Due to the Church having Covid restrictions in place, seating will be socially distanced and in a well-ventilated space so please wrap up warmly. As these restrictions are in place can we ask that you try and limit the amount of people coming to watch the celebration. Please sit in the allocated seating area upstairs as seating downstairs is very limited and some seating needs reserving for the children. Please ensure all aisles are kept clear. **We would also kindly ask that parents / carers wear face coverings whilst in the church.**

We would appreciate some parents to help us walk the children to the church on the day.

Please note, no bookbags will be needed on that day and if your child brings a packed lunch from home, please could it be fully disposable, in a plastic bag that can be thrown away after lunch. Water bottles can be left at school, we will fill them up at school the following day - please do not return to school to collect them. Please be aware that due to the ongoing situation regarding Covid, these arrangements will remain under review and be adjusted if needed, following the latest Government guidelines. We will communicate any changes to you as soon as possible.



## FOTAS Christmas Raffle



Christmas Raffle tickets are now on sale through our online School Money system. Raffle tickets are £1 per strip. There will be an option on School Money for you to purchase up to ten strips of raffle tickets if you wish. We have lots of lovely hampers to win. The raffle will be drawn during the last week of school and will comply with both school and government guidelines.



We look forward to sharing in the special Christmas events with you all over the next couple of weeks before we close for the holidays at 3.15pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We all wish you a restful, fun-filled family Christmas when it arrives. Thank you for your support over this term.

From all the staff of The Avenue Infant School