



NEWSLETTER



Thursday 30th November 2023

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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 weeks so please read it carefully.



Cinderella Pantomime Friday 8th December

We are very much looking forward to our trip to the pantomime next week. A few details for you. 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.

Pick up arrangements:

We understand the show should be finished around 3pm. We would like parents / carers to please **collect the children from The Castle Theatre at 3.10pm.** Please meet us on the car park side of the theatre. 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. We will announce which class is being released then those parents can move to the front of the group.** 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. Please be aware that the car park at The Castle is likely to be fairly full so we would ask parents to ideally walk. There is also the multi-storey car park available opposite the theatre.



On Thursday 7th 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 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 15th December.



Christmas Celebration



On **Thursday 14th 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. We ask that you sit in the allocated areas as some seating needs reserving for the children but aisles need to be kept clear. Please be respectful to others around you if you are taking photos or videos and do not block other parent's views.

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.



Mufti Day on Friday 1st December

Your child can come into school wearing mufti clothes in exchange for a raffle prize. Each class has a different colour theme for the raffle prize they bring in:

Beech - Red

Hazel - Blue

Maple - Green

Cherry - Yellow/Gold

Willow - Purple

Oak - Pink

Ideas for donations are: boxes of chocolates, wine, Christmas decorations, new small toys, books, art and craft activities, bubble bath, tins of biscuits etc. These are then made up into a variety of hampers for our Christmas Raffle.

Tickets for the raffle are on sale now via School Money, for £1 a strip. You will have received an email to purchase raffle tickets online using School Money. The raffle will take place on Monday 18th December afterschool, it will be live on Facebook. If you are lucky to win a prize it will come home with your child the next day.



Father Christmas Grotto



Father Christmas will be visiting us once again on Monday 11th December from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Places are limited, so booking is essential and will be on a first come first served basis. The link will be sent to all parents/carers at 5pm on Friday 1st December. Tickets will cost £3.50 per child and include a gift from Father Christmas himself!

We look forward to sharing in the special Christmas events with you all over the next few days before we close for the holidays at 3.15pm on Wednesday 20th 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

MERRY CHRISTMAS