

**Newsletter Number 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**



It has been lovely to welcome so many of you into school over the past week to celebrate the festive season with our children. We have been incredibly proud of them all and would like to say a huge thank you to the team for all of their hard work in making these events possible.

Amongst all of the festivities, we have also had Year Two working with a History company to bring their learning in Monarchy Madness to Life, Year 5 & 6 have been to sing carols at a residential home for the elderly and Year Five have also been working with The Silhouette Theatre Group as they prepare to perform in February at the Royal Theatre (further details to follow in the new year!) Finally, the whole school enjoyed a magical visit from the reindeers. What a busy week!

**Thank you**

A huge thank you once again to our PTA for serving refreshments at our Christmas performances and also for arranging a very special breakfast for our children in Reception to Year Two. The children had a wonderful time and really enjoyed their visit to see Santa.

**Christmas Party**

The children are all really looking forward to the Christmas parties on Thursday. On Monday, your child will bring home a letter outlining the details of the food which they have been asked to contribute to their party. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher, but can we also remind parents, that we are a nut free school.

### **Christmas Post Box**

Our Pineham Post Box is ready and raring to receive Christmas cards which our Year Six children will distribute next week. If your child would like to send some Christmas cards to their friends the post box will be available outside the main entrance every morning before school. Please make sure you put the name and if possible the first letter of the surname along with the class to help our Year Six with the all-important sorting and delivery. Thank you.



### **Appointments**

We appreciate that families have to attend routine dentist or other appointments at times; however, lately we have noticed that many children are having to be picked up early from school for different reasons. Please could we ask, wherever possible, that routine appointments are booked for after school, so that there is little impact on the children's learning. Thank you.

### **Community Parent Workshops**

As a reminder, from January, we will be offering a course for parents called 1-2-3 Magic, which is aimed at parents and carers to manage challenging behaviours at home. The course is free and starts on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for a duration of six weeks from 1pm – 3pm and will be at our school in the Community Centre.

If you would like to enrol on the course and find out more information, please visit: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adultlearning). If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Eaton.

### **Families in Partnership**

We were thrilled with the number of parents who attended our last Families in Partnership meeting. The meeting was extremely positive and lots of the feedback given to us has been acted upon and is supporting us to make Pineham Barns the best school it can be for our children and families. Our next meeting will be held on **7pm on 26th January** and we are hoping that this time we will double our numbers, so please keep the date in your diary and we look forward to listening to your feedback.

**Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Production: The Snow Queen

Years Five and Six at 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day (non-school uniform)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens to pupils

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Families in Partnership meeting at 7pm

Finally, this will be the last newsletter before the Christmas holiday. On behalf of the team, I would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.