



"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16

The penultimate week has ended with the most joyous of Christmas events - the Christmas Nativities in Years 1, 2 and 4! These were just the most amazing performances and the children had the best time up on (and off stage, leading on tech). We feel so privileged to share these with you and know how fortunate we are to play a part in these special memories both for the children and you as parents. A huge amount of work goes into these by the adults in school, who are doing this on top of their 'day job' which requires an already mammoth amount of energy and work! We are very grateful to the Polehampton teams who work so hard to make these the events as seamless as they are! To top it off this festive week, the infant school had a visit from the Kenton Theatre Pantomime cast today! Thank you to Mrs Hood for arranging this.

Infant Dates - Autumn 1

Christmas Lunch & Jumpers
Wed 17th
Church
Thurs 18th
End of Term
Fri 19th, 13:40

SPRING DATES HAVE BEEN SENT VIA EMAIL

Junior Dates - Autumn 1

Y5/6 Carol Concert
Tues 16th, 18:30
Christmas Lunch & Jumpers
Wed 17th
Church
Thurs 18th
End of Term
Fri 19th, 13:50

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Your child's report will be available for you to access, via Arbor, today. It may be best to access this on a Desktop/Laptop as Arbor can *sometimes* have issues showing them formatted correctly. We know that reports can sometimes feel like a different language for those who don't work in education so we have worked hard to ensure our reports clearly show which national curriculum year group your child is working within and explain what their next steps are.

After Christmas, please can we request that parents email the school office, where possible, rather than calling - particularly before 10am in the morning.

- If your child is absent: please leave a voicemail or send an email.

- If your child is going home with another children: please leave a voicemail, send an email or phone after 10am.

It is 'peak time' in the office first thing in the morning so any non-urgent enquiries are encouraged to be held off until after 10am.



LOST PROPERTY

We have a huge amount of unnamed lost property at both sites - especially at the junior school (79 items according to Mrs Porter!). Please make sure your child's belongings are named so they can be returned easily. It's a shame to see good-quality clothing go to waste. We're keen to help children understand the impact this has on the environment so please do write names in; we want encourage the children to use (and care for) things wisely and avoid unnecessary waste. A simple biro will do; there is no need to add any label makers to your Christmas list!

Thank you very much for the donations to First Days - this is another fantastic cause and we were delighted to be able to help in some way.



Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf



There were a vast number of shining light awards this week - these ranged from supporting younger children on the playground, to growing confidence in French lessons, to using finger spaces when writing! It's really important to us that our children understand that their light shines when they try their best and act kindly. Experiencing success releases endorphins, helping them (and others!) feel good!