

WGPA Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our November newsletter. Already it has been a busy half term with lots more exciting activities to come before we break for the Christmas holidays, not least our Christmas productions that we hope you can join us for.

Be Safe - Be seen

As the days are getting colder please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school every day for playtime as well as the journey to and from school. Also, as the evenings are getting darker, please help your children to be safer by teaching them about **being safe and seen** and encouraging them to **wear or carry something high vis** - fluorescent for day and reflective for night. More information on ideas of how to do this can be found here:

<https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/be-bright-be-seen/encouraging-children-to-be-bright/>

Oh no it isn't...Oh yes it is!

We are delighted to announce that the Panto will be coming to Grantham! Cheeky Chops theatre (see flyer) will be kicking off our Christmas activities with their magical panto, Jack and the Beanstalk, for all children on Tuesday 7th December. We are really excited to be able to offer this experience for our children this Christmas after a challenging year of Covid and school closures.

Staffing

Leavers

Sadly, we say goodbye to a number of staff this term. Mrs Woolerton, our Y6 teacher and deputy head leaves us to take up a promoted post at another school and Mr Carr ends his temporary contract. Mrs Linley, one of our long standing TAs and Mrs Davies, our caretaker, are both retiring at Christmas after many years of loyal and dedicated service. I am sure you will join me in wishing all these staff every blessing in their new adventures

New Starters

We have had a busy few weeks recruiting new staff and are delighted to have been able to make excellent appointments. We have appointed 3 new TAs, Ms Bromfield (KS1), Ms Dallinger (KS2) and Ms Watson (KS1) who have already made a big impact since joining our school. In January we welcome Ms Drury as assistant head and teacher of Y6 who will take over the Y6 class from Mrs Ellerby and Mr Kitchen teacher of Y3/4 who will take over the class from Mr Carr.

Thank you for all your support this year. I pray God's blessing on you all and that you enjoy a peace filled Christmas filled with all the things and people you love.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Martin

Belief

"We have unwavering confidence in ourselves, in others, and in our capacity to succeed."

Our value focus this half term is belief in ourselves, in others and in God. Our challenge is to help your child to believe in themselves, to keep going, even when it is hard, to believe they are capable and can achieve greatness.

Remembrance

It was a privilege to stand with the rest of the school for a 2 mins silence on the 11th Nov as an act of remembrance. Our school council have started to become very active around school and they worked hard to create a remembrance reflection area and to sell poppies for the British Legion Poppy Appeal



Reading Top Tip

Make reading an enjoyable time of your day together. Choose a time when you are both relaxed, comfortable and not too tired.

Dates for your diary

Tue 7th Dec – Christmas Panto
Wed 8th Dec – Junior Christmas performance 2 pm / 5 pm
Fri 10th Dec – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Mon 13th Dec – Infants Christmas performance 2 pm
Tue 14th Dec – Infants Christmas performance 10 am
Wed 15th Dec – Year 3/4 Christmas Party
Thu 16th Dec – Year 5 / 6 Christmas Party
Thu 16th Dec – Infants Christmas Party
Fri 17th Dec – School closes for Christmas at 1pm
Wed 5th Jan – School reopens for all children



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