

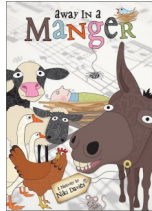
7th December 2018

## *Greens Norton CE Primary School*

### **It's Christmas Time!**



This will be the last newsletter before Christmas so I would like to take the opportunity to wish all the Greens Norton Primary School families a very Happy Christmas. I wish you all a safe and fun-filled Christmas break. School re-opens on Monday 7th January and we look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for more great learning.



### **Wrens class Nativity—Away in a Manger**

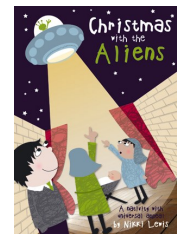
We are very much looking forward to our first ever Reception Nativity on Tuesday 11th December at 2.30 pm. If you have not yet returned your slip to reserve up to 4 seats per Reception child, please make sure these are handed into the office.

### **Robins and Magpies classes performance —Christmas with the Aliens**

The Christmas joy continues with two performances by children in years 1 and 2 of this unusual but entertaining Christmas play. If you have not yet requested tickets for either performance, please make sure you complete the request slip urgently.

Wednesday 12th December 6.00 pm

Thursday 13th December 6.00pm



Children should arrive back in school for 5.30 pm to change into costumes. Older siblings of primary school age may attend the crèche. We kindly ask you to make alternative arrangements for pre-school children.

### **Christmas Lunch**



On Friday 14th December we will enjoy a Christmas Lunch together, with staff joining the children. We would like as many children as possible to enjoy the delicious Christmas menu Di and Tina have planned for us, so please make sure you order this online.

In addition children may come to school in Mufti on the 14th, with an opportunity to wear their Christmas jumpers if wished.



### Homework Exhibitions

You are all invited to come into school either on Friday 14th from 3.00pm or Monday 17th between 8.30 and 9.00 am to view this term's Homework exhibition. The children have enjoyed their travels around the world as Earth Explorers this term and we are looking forward to seeing all their wonderful creations and projects. These should be brought into school by Monday 10th December if possible.



### Lunchtime—change of time

From the start of next term we are reducing the lunch break period to one hour, bringing it more in line with other schools. Reception children will continue to break for lunch at 11.45 am, but will return to class at 12.45. The rest of the school will begin their lunch break at 12.00 and go back into class at 1.00 pm.

We believe this will improve the children's experience during lunch play, especially during the more extreme weather, and will give more curriculum time in the afternoons for learning. Teachers will make decisions on a daily basis with regards to a short mid-afternoon break outside for their class.

### Cluster Carol Service



Sixteen of our older children joined representatives from eight other cluster schools at St Lawrence's Church in Towcester on Tuesday for the annual Cluster Carol Service. After a rehearsal in the afternoon we enjoyed a picnic tea at Towcester Primary, followed by a Christmas quiz, before walking back to the church for the service. All the children sang beautifully; a special well done to Lucy and Archie for taking part in a strings ensemble, to Archie too for reading so well, and to Erin for her part in a singing quartet at the start of the service. It was lovely to see so many parents there. Christmas celebrations have begun!



### Attendance Award

Attendance Award for week beginning 19th November goes to Kestrels class for 97.4% attendance.

Attendance Award for week beginning 26th November goes to Herons class for 98.6% attendance.



### Carols by Candlelight

St Bartholomew's Church  
Sunday 16th December 6.00 pm

ALL WELCOME

### Greens Norton CE Primary School Christmas Carol Service

St Bartholomew's Church  
Monday 17th December 9.20 am

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### Multiplication Tables Check

You may have heard in the news that the government are introducing a Multiplication Tables test for pupils in Year 4 from September 2019. This will be a timed online test that children will take in school. Fluency and rapid recall of multiplication facts is a crucial part of maths learning for children and really assists them in their ability to tackle more complex calculations and solve trickier problems. We appreciate the help that many parents give in supporting their child to learn and practice times tables. We will continue to encourage these skills in school and give the children opportunities to practise timed recall. We have an opportunity in June to give our current Year 4 pupils a chance to try the new online test. This is not a statutory requirement this year, but we propose to go ahead with this as a useful assessment opportunity. We will of course prepare the children for these as well as we can and provide you with updated information nearer the time.



There are spaces available for NMPAT music lessons in school for children in Years 3—6.

If you are interested in music lessons for your child please apply online at <https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>

### Important forthcoming events

**Friday 7th December —3.30—6.00 pm**—PTA Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 11th December 2.30 pm** —Wrens class Nativity—parents and grandparents invited

**Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December 6.00pm**—Robins and Magpies classes Nativity performance (Wed 12th at 2pm for pre-school siblings and local nurseries)

**Thursday 13th December 2.00pm**—Year 5/6 choir to sing carols at Duncote Hall

**Friday 14th December**—School Christmas Dinner

**Friday 14th December 3.00 pm**—Homework Exhibition—Earth Explorers

**Sunday 16th December 6.00 pm**—Carols by Candlelight at St Bartholomew's Church

**Monday 17th December 8.30 am**—Homework Exhibition—Earth Explorers

**Monday 17th December 9.20 am**—School Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church

**Tuesday 18th December**—Whole school pantomime in school—Jack and the Beanstalk

**Wednesday 19th December 3.30 pm**—School closes

**Monday 7th January**—School reopens

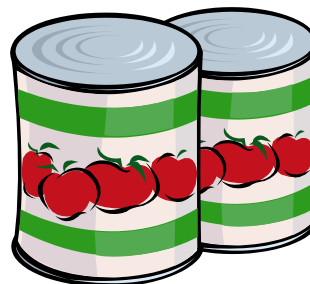
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# What's for dinner tonight?

***NO FOOD - and NO MONEY to buy any?***

personal crisis  
sudden job loss  
illness  
separation  
homelessness  
benefit delay



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For further advice, call

Paul Knight: 01327 354173

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**No one in Towcester needs to go to bed hungry tonight.**

**DECEMBER OPENING TIMES AT THE FOODBANK**

Tuesday 4th December:	11.00 to 2.00	Tuesday 18th December:	11.00 to 2.00
Friday 7th December:	9.30 to 12.30	Friday 21st December:	9.30 to 12.30
Tuesday 11th December:	11.00 to 2.00		
Friday 14th December:	9.30 to 12.30	<b>The foodbank will then be closed until Friday 4th Jan at 10 am.</b>	