



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is nearly upon us and another year is coming to an end.

I appreciate for you, as Parents/Carers, this has been an unsettling term. The changes that have happened have been sudden and difficult but what I have seen are staff stepping up and working hard to ensure your children are looked after and educated.

I have been impressed by the positive attitude of all the staff in the school.

The school is moving forward and at the heart of all that we do will be the well-being and education of your children.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Well done to the two classes with the best attendance for the period 10.12.18 – 14.12.18. They are as follows: -

Early Years & KS1 – 1CJ – 98.1%

KS2 –5AL – 98%

There has been a dip in attendance due to illnesses this week. Let's keep going!



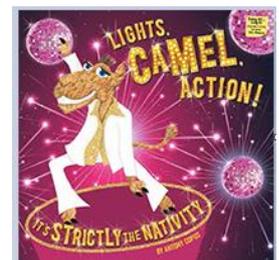
Early Years Nativity

Early Years did an amazing job in their performance and it was so lovely to see their enthusiasm and how well they had learnt to sing the songs. It is always a such a moving experience to see your child on stage for their first nativity. Well done to all the children ☺

KS1 Productions

KS1 took part in the production of Lights, Camel, action! It was a fantastic performance based on "Strictly".

I'm sure those of you who attended really enjoyed the production and will agree we definitely have some stars of the future in our midst!



Christmas Parties

The children in Years 1-6 had a great time at their Christmas Parties and discos this week. Lots of fun was had by all. The children in Years 1-4 very much enjoyed traditional party games and their special visit from Santa! The children in Years 5-6 (and the teachers too!) really enjoyed dancing and singing to popular tunes at the disco, the glow in the dark balloons and many more treats.

The PTFA wanted me to thank all the parents who brought raffle tickets and refreshments at the Christmas productions. They raised a grand total of £220 which is fantastic.



Behaviour party

We held a bronze behaviour party in school this week to reward the good behaviour of the children who haven't been on a step or had a yellow/red card for 10 consecutive weeks. The children enjoyed an old fashioned tea party and all had a lovely time.

Christmas dinner

The children were treated to a lovely, traditional Christmas dinner this week. The Christmas dinner is always a lovely occasion as the staff serve the children and sit with them to enjoy their dinner and listen to festive tunes. The food was lovely and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Clarification of the school day

I just wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the arrangements for the start of the school day just to ensure there isn't any confusion;

The gates open to pupils and parents at **8:30am**. Children need to go to their normal playgrounds where they will require parental supervision until **8:40am**. Teachers will go out and supervise the children from **8:40am**



and will remain out there so parents can go if they would like to. It also gives parents an opportunity to talk to the class teacher at the beginning of the day, should they have any concerns.

Children will line up **at 8:45am** ready to go in to their classrooms **at 8:50am** where the start of the day activities will take place. Should you have any concerns or questions regarding this, don't hesitate to contact me.



Christmas Tree Festival

Every year, Norton Canes Trinity Methodist church hold a Christmas Tree Festival and this year is no exception. Everyone is welcome to go and admire the Christmas trees decorated by local schools, organisations and businesses. Our Year 3 class went to the chapel this week with Mr Butler to decorate our school Christmas tree and make some colourful decorations. The Festival will begin this Saturday, 1st December from 10:00am till 4:00pm and every subsequent Saturday between now and Christmas from 10am – 12pm. Pop along if you are able and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie.



Parking outside school

It is sometimes brought to our attention when parking outside school creates problems for others, especially when the safety of children and adults is affected.

Last week, it was noted that there were many cars which had been parked inconsiderately and unsafely, creating a risk to others. We would ask that when you park outside school to either drop off or pick up a child you please consider the following;

- Please do not park on double yellow lines unless you carry a disabled badge.
- Please park considerately, sometimes a parked car can take up more than one space encouraging others to park in an unsafe way.
- Please do not park fully on the path. This makes it unsafe for people to pass by and impossible for those who have pushchairs and wheel chairs.
- Please do not park on a junction or corner of the road. This makes it difficult for pedestrians and drivers to see clearly if other cars are approaching.
- Please be aware of local residents when parking. Please do not block drive ways.

It is important for everyone to adhere to these rules to keep our children safe and local residents happy. We often liaise with the local Council who send patrol wardens to encourage better parking. We would like to start a parent working party of parents who could meet and come up with suggestions and ideas to encourage safer parking. If anyone would like to be involved in helping, please pop in to see us. Thank you.

School App

We are extremely excited to inform you we now have a school app. Using your mobile phone apps, search for Piota for schools and Norton Canes Primary Academy. We will use the app to share information with you and keep you updated with what is happening in schools.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs G Crofts
(Executive Headteacher)

Diary Dates

Monday 7th January 2019 – School opens

This is the last newsletter of 2018 so we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you all for your support.



School opens on **Monday 7th January 2019** – We look forward to seeing you then!

