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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 14th December

From the Principal

As we move into the last days of the term, a word of warm thanks to all staff who have been preparing end of term performance events. These final weeks are hectic indeed, both in homes and in school, and their work is hugely appreciated. To all parents, thank you if you have been able or will be able to attend the afternoon or evening events. Your encouragement helps to make them a special occasion, and to build the confidence of all the performers, not just your own son or daughter. Finally, may I assure all parents that we will be maintaining our focus right to the end of term, doing our best to ensure that your children are active in their learning and safe in their school. Best wishes

Upper Junior School News

This is a busy time for the Upper Juniors. **Senior School Christmas Concert at 7pm on Wednesday** in the school hall. This includes performances by the School Band, Senior Choir, Junior Choir and Harmony Group. Parents, friends and staff welcome. All choir members need to return to school for 6.30 p.m. **Year 4 & 5 Production of *Panto-time*: Thursday at 7pm.** All children will need to be collected at the normal time and brought back to school at 6.30pm to prepare. **Friday 2.30 for 2.45pm start.** There will be space available at the front of the hall for younger siblings at this production. **Playtime cake sale** organised by the Secondary School Council at playtime. **Tuesday 21st December—Party day,** non uniform day with parties starting at 1p.m. **Wednesday 22nd December**—school ends at 12.00 at the Upper Junior School. **School starts for children on Tuesday 11th January at 08.40.** *Wishing all families, children and staff a fantastic holiday and a wonderful new year! Mr May*

REMINDERS

Early Closure

**Wednesday
22nd December**

**Nursery/Infant
School**

11.30am

**Lower Junior
School**

11.45am

**Upper Junior
and Secondary
School**

12.00

Nursery/Infant School News

Yesterday, the children in Nursery and Reception and all the pupils from the Lower Junior School watched the children in Year 1 perform the dress rehearsal of "The Scarecrow's Christmas." The performance was fantastic—the children delivered their lines and sang and danced with such confidence and obvious enjoyment. Fingers crossed their performance today and on Thursday will be as successful and that everyone enjoys the show. Many thanks to all the staff who have helped to prepare the children for the show and to all the parents who helped with the costumes and the props. Your help is always very much appreciated.

Christmas Parties will be held during the afternoon of Tuesday 21st December. Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in the finest party clothes. Please remember though that the children will still go outside to play and must therefore have suitable outdoor footwear for the playground. A letter will be sent home shortly asking parents to contribute to the party food.

Please be reminded that School closes next Wednesday 22nd December for the Christmas holidays. There are staggered closing times across the various school sites. Children in the Nursery/Infant School should be collected at 11.30am. We wish everyone a very 'festive' holiday season. For those families who are leaving at the end of the term, we hope that your relocation goes smoothly and that your children settle very quickly into their new homes and schools. Please keep in touch, we love to hear from 'old' pupils!

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Lower Junior News

Lower Junior School: Christmas Show 2010 - **'WACKADOO'**



Last week, the Year Two children put on their Christmas performance of **'Wackadoo Zoo'** to a full audience! The singing, dancing and laughter entertained everyone! Congratulations to all the children and the Year Two team for a great show. Visit our weblog: www.lowerjuniors.com to see all the photos!



Secondary News

Year 6 Induction—On Monday, the year 6 pupils spent the day in the Secondary School. They were given a Secondary School timetable and a diary and they went to Chemistry, Art, History, ICT and MFL. They also joined the Secondary students for lunch and break time. The aim is to make the year 6's feel more secure with the transfer next year and to dispel the myth that Secondary is very strict, the teachers give lots of detentions and there is lots and lots of homework! The day was a great success and was enjoyed by all. There will be another induction day in the spring and summer term.

Secondary & Junior Choir and Orchestra—The school choir and orchestra will be performing on Wednesday evening at the Secondary school from 7.00pm. There will be refreshments available, so if you are available then please come along to what promises to be a very entertaining evening.

Expeditions—Many thanks to everyone for your prompt return of passports and payments for expeditions. If there are any outstanding payments to be made then please contact Miss Edghill with your details. You will be receiving more detailed information shortly for the expeditions. Please note, the Amsterdam expedition is not optional and attendance is mandatory. The school will not sanction leave in this week.

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