



Christmas Arrangements at Wellow School!

Wellow School is always very busy around Christmas-time.....there are many special events for our children and their families to enjoy. Please keep the following information to hand so that you can keep on top of things – and especially so that you can remember when to send your child to school in uniform or other clothes! For this reason, this week's newsletter is coming on paper!

Rock Steady Concert for Parents – Friday 24th November at 2.45pm

All children participating in Rock Steady will perform a concert for parents on 24th November at 2.45pm.

WSA Chocolate Mufti Day – Friday 1st December

The WSA will be holding a chocolate mufti on Friday 1st December. All children are invited to attend school in dress down clothes in exchange for chocolate for our tombola at the Christmas Market.

Wellow Christmas Market – Friday 1st December 5.00pm-7.00pm



There will be lots of stalls offering a wide selection of products including crafts, toys, beauty and giftware. It's the perfect time to find that unique Christmas present for family and friends. Refreshments will be available in a Christmas themed café selling cakes, mince pies and hot food so there's no need to have dinner before you visit!

Once again the children have been hand making individual craft gifts in class to sell on a special stall at the Christmas Market. Please come along and visit the stall so you can buy your child's handmade gift for someone special. **SANTA'S GROTTTO!** Once again we will be hosting a Santa's Grotto where children can meet Father Christmas, post their Christmas list

and receive a super gift!

Tickets are on sale now from the School Office - bring your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

After School Club will be running as normal on Friday 1st December to 6.00pm – however there is no Christmas Market crèche available this year.





Christmas Postbox – Friday 1st December

The Christmas postbox will be taking cards from **Friday 1st December**. The postbox will be situated **outside the staffroom**. Please remember that a child's **full name and year** must be included on the envelope. Can you also remind your child(ren) about the need to dispose of envelopes in recycling bins please!



Gymnastics Gala – Sunday 3rd December

This year several of our children from Year 3,4,5 and 6 Gymnastics Clubs will be taking part in the Southampton Gymnastic Gala on Sunday 3rd December at Southampton Guildhall. Gymnasts need to arrive at the Guildhall at 10:15am where they will be met by Mrs Annells, Mrs Hillier and Mrs Bailey. The schools performance will start at 11:00am and tickets are available direct from the Guildhall Box Office. Please collect your child(ren) at the end of the performance, approximately 12.45pm.



KS1 Pantomime Visit – Thursday 7th December

Key Stage 1 will be off to see Peter Pan at the Theatre Royal Winchester on Thursday 7th December. Coaches will leave school by 9:00am, and we should arrive back at school by **approximately 1:00pm**. Your child will require a packed lunch if you did not pre-order a school packed lunch and school uniform is to be worn please. Year 2 children will be transported from the theatre to the Gymnastics Festival at Redbridge. **Parents need to collect their child from Redbridge at 3.00pm.**

Collaboration Carol Service and Rehearsal – Thursday 7th December.

Rehearsal 11:00am – 4:00pm and Service at 7.00pm – Year 4, 5 & 6

This year's Carol Service at Romsey Abbey will be held on Thursday 7th December commencing at 7:00pm. The Rehearsal will be taking place from 11:00am until 4:00pm for which we have arranged transport **TO** the Abbey. **The children will need to bring a packed lunch, a reading book and warm clothes.** Parents are responsible for collecting their children from the Abbey at 4:00pm. For the evening service, **the children need to return to the Abbey for**





6:30pm. Smartest school uniform **MUST** be worn! If you are not attending the Service, your child will need to be collected from the Abbey at around 8.15pm and all children must be signed out with a member of staff before leaving.

Romsey Lantern Procession – Friday 8th December

Information regarding this year's Romsey Lantern Parade will be sent home with the Year 3 children once they have been confirmed. Children do not need to wear school uniform but need to dress appropriately e.g. warm coat etc.

If you wish to stay on, Father Christmas will be arriving at the Market Place at approximately 6.30pm!

Christmas Jumper Day! – Friday 8th December

Back again this year, by popular demand, is the opportunity to wear a christmas jumper to school! It was great fun last year – seeing everyone in their winter knits and christmas accessories. However, we would like to stress that Christmas jumpers should not be bought especially – please do not feel under pressure to provide your child with additional clothing etc – normal clothes are fine too!

KS1 Christmas Performance – Thursday 14th December at 9:15am and Friday 15th December at 2.00pm

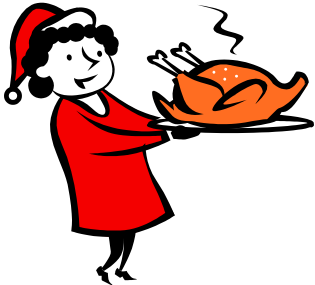
Our Christmas nativity this year is called 'The Inn Keeper's Breakfast'. All children in years R, 1 and 2 are involved in some way. The performance will take place in the school hall and we have arranged two performances to cater for as many parents as possible!

We have very limited space in the hall as you know....so buggies **cannot** be accommodated. We would urge parents/carers to find child-care for pre-school children if possible so that you can enjoy the show and give it 100% attention! Maybe a friend who has children in the other class can look after your child on one day and you could return the favour on the other? However, if you are unable to find child-care and have to bring younger children, please be sensitive to the performers, and leave the hall if your child becomes a distraction.





Christmas Lunch – Monday 18th December



Our Christmas Lunch experience will take place on **Monday 18th December**. Christmassy hats and appropriate accessories can be brought to school to be worn at break and lunchtime! As usual, lunch will be served by our specially hired staff (teachers in fancy dress!), School Dinners should have already been pre-ordered but don't forget to make your packed lunch a festive one with the odd festive treat if you will not be having a school dinner! Christmas crackers are being provided by the **WSA**.

Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church on Thursday 21st December for KS1 and KS2

On the morning of the 21st December KS1 and KS2 children will be walking to St. Margaret's Church for our Christmas Service. We will be leaving school at **9:15am**. The children will need to **wear uniform, a warm coat and a pair of wellies/walking boots** to put on to wear across the fields. (Weather permitting!). Please let your teacher know if you are able to walk with us to the service. **WSA** kindly provide refreshments for us after the service; if you are able to help the **WSA** at this time please let the school office know.



Christmas Parties



19th December 1:00pm KS1: Children can come to school in their party clothes in the morning ready for the end of term Christmas Party in the afternoon. Nearer the time each class teacher will send home a slip with requirements for the party (e.g. cakes for 6 pupils, 10 paper cups/plates etc.)

20th December 1:00pm Year 3 and 4: – As above

21st December 1:00pm Year 5 and 6: – Shortly Years 5 and 6 will decide on a themed party. A note will go home advising you of the theme. They will need to bring in a plate of food on the day and can wear their themed clothes all day. (The children organise this themselves!)

Thursday 21st December is the last day of term.....we return on Thursday 4th January 2018.



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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

