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Wednesday 7th November 2018 - **Week 9 Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Year 4 the very best of luck tonight as they perform William Shakespeare's **THE TEMPEST** at The Weymouth Pavilion. We are all very proud of how hard the pupils (and staff) have worked on what is an unprecedented performance for the children at The Prince of Wales School.

It's been a busy few weeks here at The Prince of Wales School!

Thank you everyone for your support across our recent events including our Community Make-Over Day, Parent Forum, Bling Your Bike Day and recent NSPCC 'PANTS Day'.

It was particularly good to see so many parents and carers engage in the Parent Workshops led by Chris Cloke from the NSPCC. Chris has asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone who attended and also highlights the following resource which may be useful if you or someone you know is a victim/survivor of abuse -

www.survivorpathway.org.uk



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Over the coming days we will remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

On Friday (9th November 2018), we will be having a special non-school uniform day where children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be asked to wear a red top (where possible). Children in Year 4 are asked to wear a black top (where possible). During the day we will also hold a school-wide act of remembrance and a one minute silence.

No donations are required to take part in the non-school uniform day, however, we are now selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion. These are available from the school office.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday (11th November 2018) I will be laying a wreath with two Year 4 pupils on behalf of the school at the Dorchester Cenotaph as part of Remembrance Sunday. I know I will see many pupils there in various uniforms,



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however, if your son/daughter is not taking part with another organisation and would like to join me and the two Year 4 wreath layers in representing the school, they would be very welcome. **Those wanting to represent the school should wear their school uniform and meet me outside the Corn Exchange at 10:30am on Sunday.**



CHRISTMAS

With Christmas just around the corner, we wanted to give you advance notice of a new event...



**The Prince of Wales School
Carol Service 2018**

Tuesday 18th December 2018

St. Mary's Church

5:00-6:00PM

**With a Nativity performed by
Pre-School and Reception Class.**

With Readings from Year 4.

N.B - Reception Class will be taking a leading role in the Carol Service this year, instead of a minor role in the Year 1 and Year 2 performances.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES



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We would like to invite you to our Christmas performances to be held in the school hall on:

Wednesday 19th December: Year 1 & 2 at 10.10 am followed by Years 3 & 4 at 11.00am

Thursday 20th December: Year 1 & 2 at 10.10 am followed by Years 3 & 4 at 11.00am

The performances on Wednesday 19th December are designated as the only ones where babies, toddlers and children below school age are welcome. No exceptions will be made, and you will be asked to leave if you bring a younger child with you on any other day. Thank you for your understanding.

Please note that children who attend our Pre-School Group or Reception Class will be invited to our dress rehearsals on Tuesday 18th December 2018.

In between each performance seasonal refreshments will be available courtesy of POWSA.

Due to a high demand on some performance days we will be restricting numbers for each performance to ensure the aisles are kept clear and we meet with Health and Safety Guidelines. **Ticket details will follow in due course.**

There will be a collection after each performance to raise funds for one of the school's chosen charities. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTMAS FOOD

Seasonal food dates for your diary -

- Wednesday 19th December - Christmas Dinner Day (Hot Dinners)*

* Parents/Carers need to order online by Tuesday 11th December, cost is £2.30 for KS2 and free for all KS1 & FSM KS2.

- Friday 21st December - Christmas Party Food Day (All Years) - No Hot Dinners

We look forward to lots of festive fun ahead!

DATA SHEETS



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Thank you to everyone who returned their data sheets to the school office. Moving forward, please be sure to keep the office up-to-date with any changes in your details. **You never know when we might need these.**

SNACKS AND WATER

As a reminder, to maximise our brain function and encourage a healthy lifestyle we like children to bring a healthy snack to school each day to eat at break in addition to a bottle of water (some of the children who don't bring a snack often complain of being hungry long before lunch and this interferes with their ability to concentrate). We are encouraging the children to drink and eat smart by keeping hydrated through the day and be conscious of what they are eating. Snacks such as crisps and sweets will be positively discouraged. As last year and in line with our school's policy, please can you provide your child with water only to drink during lesson time. If your child requires a squash based drink they may bring an additional bottle which can be kept in their lunch boxes or bags to be drunk at lunch time only.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

Reception Class Assembly - 09/11/18

ACT OF SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE - 09/11/18

Governor - Committee A - 12/11/18

School Photos (Individual and Sibling) - 14/11/18

Governor - Committee B - 15/11/18

Children In Need Day - 16/11/18

Year 2 Class Assembly - 16/11/18

POWSA - BINGO - 16/11/18

Governor - FGB Meeting - 20/11/18

Year 1 Class Assembly - 23/11/18

Year 4 Class Assembly - 30/11/18

BUTTERMARKET SQUARE SINGING - 30/11/18

December

INSPIRED WRITING WK - w/c - 03/12/18

POWSA - Film Night - 07/12/18

Christmas Technology Day - 14/12/18

POWSA - CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 14/12/18

Christmas Performances - Dress Rehearsals - 17/12/18

Christmas Performances - Day One - 18/12/18

School Carol Service - 18/12/18

Christmas Performances - Day Two - 19/12/18

Christmas Performances - Day Three - 20/12/18

Christmas Party Day - 21/12/18

END OF TERM - 21/12/18



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Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or if there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and children of this school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Gary Spracklen
Headteacher



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