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## **Newsletter Autumn Term 2023:** **20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



What an amazing term it has been! I don't know about all of you but I know in school we are very ready for a rest over the break!

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Connor and Mrs Wakefield who leave us to start new roles with the North Herts Primary Support Service. We know they'll be amazing but they will equally be very sadly missed by children, parents and staff alike. We wish them every success.

In January, we will be welcoming Mrs O'Gorman and Mr Wright who will be joining our Teaching & Learning Assistant team and Mrs Silman, who will join us as a Midday Supervisor supporting with lunchtimes. They will be joining us for some training on 5<sup>th</sup> January in our INSET day and we are very excited that they have decided to join Team Pixmore.

**OUR CHRISTMAS PODCAST IS NOW LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE SO PLEASE VISIT THE HOME PAGE FOR A LISTEN - <https://www.pixmore.herts.sch.uk/> (password to access it will be emailed to parents)**

### **Year 3/4 Performance**

Years 3 and 4 put on a fabulous performance of their Christmas production about Rudy travelling to the South Pole. The children sang beautifully and everyone was very impressed by the acting of the Year 4 children. A huge well done to everyone as it is really not easy to stand on a stage in front of so many people, especially at the age of 8 or 9!



### **Year 5/6 Carol Concert**

On Monday, Years 5 and 6 performed at St Paul's Church for their Carol Concert. They sang a whole host of carols and Christmas songs and they sounded wonderful. Children from across Years 5 and 6 read out the Christmas story and did an amazing job. Thank you to all of those children who came back for the evening performance – it really is my favourite of all of our Christmas festivities.

On the night we took £184 in donations from parents and guests which will be split between the school's nominated charities and those of the church. Thanks again to Emma Vernon, the Childrens and Schools Co-ordinator for St Paul's.





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### **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers**

Yesterday we had our annual Christmas dinner with the children dressed in their festive jumpers. The children thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and we had Christmas songs playing while they ate. A big thanks to Suzie and Daba in the kitchen for a delicious lunch!

### **Final Book in a Bag of the term**

These are some of the final Book in the Bag for this term. We won't be sending the bags out over Christmas as we are going to restock a new book for the Spring term.



Our aim is to promote reading for pleasure and for your child and you to enjoy a story together. Children can put 5 house points into their books if they send in a photo so please do keep sending them in to [schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk)

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

There has been a lot of bugs and illnesses going round for the past few weeks so we hope that everyone stays well or feels better for Christmas.

Parents will all have received their child's attendance report for the term this week. Where a child's attendance is below 90%, we will be contacting parents in the new year to discuss barriers to your child's attendance and seeing what we can do to support you in ensuring your child is in school.

### **Pixmore School Association**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PSA this term with either running or making donations towards events. We have had a flurry of festive events in the last few weeks starting with our Christmas Movie Night, followed by our Christmas Jumper Sale and the annual Christmas Raffle.

<b>Attendance Ladder</b>		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



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Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in our raffle – we have contacted everyone now to arrange collection.

The PSA will be back in the new year with more events to fundraise for the school. But for now, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your PSA.

Well, that's it from us for this term. We hope you all have a listen to our Christmas podcast and share the children's songs, poems and jokes with friends and family. Look after yourselves and stay safe. From everyone at Pixmore, we wish all of our children, families and wider community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all on 8<sup>th</sup> January when the children return to school!

**Sarah Inman**  
Headteacher

## Dates for the Diary

<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>INSET DAYS – school will be closed to children</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school for the spring term. Launch of the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' in school Start of the whole school Writing Project
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Health Questionnaire in school
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshop
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term – school closed to children</b> *There will be a Next Education Computing Holiday Camp in school – watch out for details next term*
26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Assessment Week
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3-5 Assessment Week
8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (details to be confirmed)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid Year Reports go out to parents
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Afternoon for parents 3.15-4.30pm
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term at 3.15pm</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays – school closed to children</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>