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Newsletter Friday 1st December 2023

Panto

We are delighted to have been offered the opportunity to go to the Panto again this year after not attending last year. As the showing is at 10:00am **buses will be leaving school promptly** so please ensure your child is here by **8:45am prompt**. On this day the school gates and doors will be open at 8:30am to avoid congestion outside. If you drop off at school by car, please do so before 8:45am to ensure the road is clear for the coaches arriving at 8:45am.

To keep costs down, PTA funds will be used to provide a packet of crisps for the children at the interval. To reduce plastic waste, we are asking children to take their own water bottle with them.

Upon our return to school, the children will be served their school dinner, this will be a Christmas party lunch school dinner of sandwiches, sausage rolls, vegetable sticks and a biscuit.

This year, we currently have a £1,300 shortfall in contributions for the Pantomime. We now hold this bi-annually in order to try to keep cost to our families to a minimum. However, we will of course review attending this event going forwards. Next year we will revert to an in-house theatrical event, and while we like to provide children with the experience of attending a theatre, we will consult with parents about your preference for 2025 next year as we have to book 12 months in advance.

Snaith & Cowick Christmas Market Saturday 2nd December

Thank you to everyone who has let us know their child will be singing at the opening of the Christmas Market. Please meet Mrs Calpin at the Fire Station at 4.15pm. We ask parents stay in the vicinity during the singing and when collecting your child after the event, please ensure Mrs Calpin has ticked your child out.

Christmas Productions

Be prepared to be blown away by our wonderful children!

We can't wait to share the Christmas festivities with you.

The booking system for tickets is open, please go to the school app, useful links, Christmas performance to book your ticket. Initially there are 3 tickets allocated per family.

Please ensure you book your tickets before the cut off dates relevant to your child's key stage,

- Key Stage 2, cut off Wednesday 6th December.
After this date, we will assess the bookings and if there are any tickets still available another ticket will be made available, these will be on a first come first served basis.
- Reception & Key Stage one, today a further ticket has been allocated to each family, this is on a 'first come first served basis'. If you do require another ticket please book via the school app, useful links, Christmas performances. *(to add a ticket you need to delete your current selection and add the new amount you require, up to 4 tickets per family)*

TIME CHANGE

Please note the change of time for the Key Stage 2 afternoon performance, **now starts at 2pm** gates open at 1.40pm. You are in for a 'longer treat'!

Christmas Hamper Raffle

The PTA will be selling raffle tickets at all our Christmas Performances.

Costumes

By now you will have received a letter/notification of what your child will require for their part in the Christmas production.

If you do require a costume for your child for their part, please contact the PTA as they have a selection of pre-loved costumes. Email: snaithpta@hotmail.com We are really trying to work on our sustainability.

Collectable Trading Card (Football/Pokémon etc..) -

We continue to be concerned about children becoming upset around issues regarding trading cards. This is also taking up a significant amount of our time resolving issues. As a result, I am taking the decision that **these cards are no longer to be brought into school**. I appreciate that this may be disappointing for some. However, I appreciate that as parents you are spending money on these cards and, as a school, we are spending lots of time that should be directed to teaching and learning resolving issues regarding these.

I thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Priory Pals

We are delighted to share with you that out of over 100 teams from across the East Riding, our very own Priory Pals were awarded first place at the Lifestyle Awards held in Hull on Tuesday this week. This is very well-deserved as this group of children have worked tirelessly within the local community and have been fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you, Priory Pals, for being amazing – and also to your families for their support.

Parent Governor Nominations

Following one of our Parent Governor's 4 year term of office coming to a close, we are now seeking nominations from parents for this vacancy. An email was sent on Wednesday giving details of this. If you would like to apply for this position, you need to complete and return the nomination slip on the email by **Friday 8th December 2023**. Any parents nominated will require being "seconded" and should also sign the nomination slip to indicate their willingness to stand for election. A nominee should be a parent of a child attending school. You will also need to provide a short letter, outlining why you are applying for this position and how you feel you can make an effective contribution to Snaith Primary School. These should be returned in a sealed envelope addressed to the Headteacher.

Menu Change week commencing 4th December

Monday – no change

Tuesday 5th December – Sandwiches, sausage roll, vegetable sticks and a biscuit.

Wednesday -no change

Thursday – Chicken goujons, potato wedges, baked beans and chocolate crunch and custard

Friday – no change

PTA

Christmas Hampers

To enable the PTA to create their wonderful hampers, they would really appreciate donations of chocolates, sweets, biscuits, bottles (alcohol/juice/bubble bath), cosmetics, toiletries, new small toys and teddies for the Christmas hampers.

These wonderful hampers are then raffled at the end of the Autumn term. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Christmas performances. All proceeds raised go directly back to school for resources for the children.

Bag 2 School

The PTA have arranged for a 'Bag 2 School' collection for Thursday 7th December. Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected.

Christmas Disco

The PTA are organising a Christmas Disco on Wednesday 20th December

Reception and Key Stage 1 – 5pm-6pm

Key Stage 2 – 6.15pm-7.30pm

£3 entry (to be paid on the night) to include party games & prizes, crisps and a drink.

I am sorry due to capacity in the foyer, we are not able to let parents sit and wait. All PTA members are enhanced DBS checked and staff members will be present.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th December – Whole school Panto at Cast Theatre, Doncaster

Wednesday 6th December – Nursery Nativity (morning)

Thursday 7th December – Reception/Key Stage 1 Morning and Afternoon performances. Tickets required.

Thursday 14th December – Reception & Y6 National Height and Weight Child Measurement Programme

Thursday 14th December – Key Stage 2 Afternoon performances. Tickets required.

Friday 15th December – Key Stage 2 Morning and Afternoon performances. Tickets required.

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner Day – **Non-uniform**, Christmas Jumpers/Sparkle

Wednesday 20th December – After School, Christmas Disco Reception & KS1 5pm-6pm//KS2 6.15pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 13th March – individual school photos and Class Groups for Reception and Year 6

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 Sats Week

Summer Term commencing Monday 15th April – Swimming lessons for Year 4 and some Year 5's weekly for 11 weeks.

Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June to Year 6 Residential

School Holiday

Please click on the link below to view the school holidays, these can also be found on the school app under Useful Links.

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=91>

Please can I remind parents school is not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Therefore, it is important to consult these dates before making any booking.

We are committed to improving achievement through attendance, and any pupil whose attendance falls below 96% becomes a cause for concern. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Government as persistent absence.

If a child's attendance falls below 90% we refer all cases to the Education Welfare Office at East Riding, who is likely to contact parents directly to discuss the matter.