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Christmas Jumper Day .

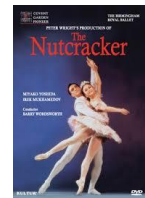
This Friday is a uniform day with a Christmas jumper if your child/children has one .

Ring Worm in Reception Classes

As per the NHS advice that is publicised on our website if your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see the GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

The Nutcracker

Last week 60 children from year 3, 4 and 5 walked to the Theatre Royal to watch the Northern Ballet's adaptation of The Nutcracker. The costumes, dancing and setting were magical and Tsaikovski's music was enchanting. A number of the audience members remarked on the impeccable behaviour of our children.



Martinu String Quartet



quartet.

We were incredibly fortunate to have this quartet visit our year 5 children on Monday. These four musicians from Czech Republic offered to play to us free of charge as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Chamber Music outreach programme. Their music was exquisite and the Year 5 audience were praised for their attention and interest. I found them on Apple Music and Amazon Echo last night and they are certainly my new favourite

Street Dance Taster

The children had a great session trialling street dance last week. After Christmas a club is going to start each Wednesday evening between 3.30 and 4.30 pm. The cost will be £3 per child. Unfortunately there will only be 20 spaces so please sign up quickly on WisePay to secure your place.

Mrs Walker - MSA (Dinner Lady)

Mrs Walker has been helping at St John's First School and St Francis of Assisi for more years than most of us can count. She is leaving at the end of this term. If you would like to offer a small contribution to a leaving present then please pop it into the office. We will be holding a special Tea Party with a few of the children for her on Friday 14th December to say goodbye and thank you.

School Talent Show – Monday 17th December

Children from Year 3 upwards can audition to enter the Talent Show next week.



Sugar Collection

As normal, we would like to collect sugar for Sugar for Shelters this year. We would be very grateful if you could bring sugar in during the rest of this half term which will be collected on Friday 14th December to be sent to Shelters regionally and across the country. A great gift for Christmas.

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Christmas Card Post Box Collection

Advent begins on Sunday 2nd December so children may now start delivering Christmas cards into the School Post Box. The cards will be handed out each afternoon by Reception Elves and their Year 6 helpers. Children must put the child's first and surname on the card and the class they are in.



Christmas Fayre

A reminder our School Christmas Fayre is on Friday 7th December from 3.30pm onwards. Please put this date in your diary and come along. It's one of the PTFA's busiest and most successful events – and a real favourite with the children. As ever, we need your support to make it a success and there are lots of ways you can help out. We need donations before the event, and we'd really appreciate your contribution, however small. These donations are important in making it a fun and successful event for the children.



Carol Singing



Your child is invited to join Mrs Furness, Carol Singing outside Jarrolds on Saturday 15th December between 12 pm and 2pm. Children can sign up for a 40 minute slot. We will meet together the week beforehand to go through the carols we will sing. The collection will be in aid of Norwich Soup Movement who offer food, drink, clothes and bedding to the homeless in the Haymarket 5 days a week.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AUDITIONS

Mr Justin from SJB Cathedral will be auditioning children to join this choir on Thursday 10th January in the afternoon. He will be offering places to suitable children in Years 4,5 and 6.

Reception Nativity

Reception will be performing "A Wiggly Nativity" on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December at 2 pm on both days. Reception parents have been sent home two tickets for each performance. We hope to see you there!

CHANGE OF DATE Whole School Christmas Dinner: Tuesday 11th December.

We are so sorry but we have had to move the day of our Christmas Dinner as the Reception need the Studio for their Nativity on the Wednesday.

If your child is not having a Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 11th December 2018 parents please provide your child with a home packed lunch as no other option will be available. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents who have already booked a paid meal for their child on Tuesday 11th December will receive this meal on Wednesday 12th December.



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The Snail and the Whale

On Thursday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful time watching Julia Donaldson's "The Snail and the Whale" at The Playhouse. The children loved the audience participation; with the catchy songs, slapstick humour and great storytelling.

"I loved it when the girl hid under my coat" - Maria (RK)

"It was so funny when the Dad squirted us with water. He thought we were the whale!" - Michael (RL)

"I liked all of it! I'm going to miss it" - Mattei (RK)

"I liked singing the songs" - Chloe (RL)

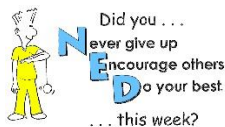
YOUNG VOICES 2019

The music for Young Voices is now on our website under Curriculum/Young Voices 2019.

INTO OPERA



It was wonderful to attend the Into Opera Unwrapped Charity event at the Assembly House last night. A number of our year 6 children are in their Youth Choir. It started Advent for me and the whole audience beautifully. Do watch this space or follow them on Facebook or Twitter for lots of events that are happening in 2019. They are magic!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

In celebration assemblies this week well done to:

- 3S Faith M for taking on new challenges positively.
- 3S Leanne for taking on new challenges positively.
- 3B Eva L for writing a truly superb letter in role as a character.
- 4B Felix O for trying his best at all times and being the original times table champion.
- 5W Aidan C for a hugely improved energy and enthusiasm for learning in writing.
- 5W Noah TH for amazing maths and making such a super effort.
- 5M Georgia D for always working to improve her best and presenting her work beautifully.
- 6HW Brendan T for time and again overcoming his fears to participate fully in Ullswater
- 6W Charlotte C for excellent effort and presentation to produce work of a high standard.

Chorister Day at Norwich Cathedral

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Come and be a chorister for the day at this event open to all children (boys and girls) of primary school age.
Take part in singing games, join in with Evensong and meet current choristers.
Register at: www.norwich-school.org.uk/admissions/register-your-interest



Be a chorister for the day

Join us for our open event

Come and experience what it is like to be a chorister for the day on Saturday 19th January 2019 from 10.30am - 4pm.

Norwich Cathedral Choir enjoys a national and international reputation, singing daily choral services in the Cathedral.

The event is open to all children of primary school age and will include:

- singing games with Rebecca Duckworth (chorister singing coach)
- presentation to parents about music at the Cathedral and at Norwich School
- outdoor games
- tour of Norwich School and Norwich Cathedral
- singing with the Master of Music, Ashley Carter
- the chance for all children to join the boy and girl choristers singing choral evensong in the magnificent surroundings of Norwich Cathedral.

REGISTER FOR A PLACE

www.norwich-school.org.uk/admissions/register-your-interest

For more information contact:
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Best Class Attendance

The best attendance this week goes to 2D. Very well done.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please remember to keep checking the list of dates. New dates are always being added and sometimes we have to re-arrange events.

December

Wednesday 5th

Girls' Football (selected children – year 3-4)

Wednesday 5th

Advent Service at Norwich Cathedral with Year 1 children

Tuesday 11th

School Christmas Dinner

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Norwich Puppet Theatre perform *The Frog and the Princess* to the whole school (please make sure payment has been made on WisePay)

Wednesday 12th

Reception Class Nativity 2pm

Thursday 13th

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Friday 7th

Christmas Fayre and Save the Children "Wear a Christmas Jumper Day"

Friday 14th

Farewell to June Walker our MSA (Dinner Lady) 2.00 pm

Saturday 15th

Carol Singing outside Jarrolds 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm in aid of Norwich Soup Movement

Monday 17th

School Talent Show

Tuesday 18th

Carol Service at SJB Cathedral 10.30 (all welcome)

Last Day of Term

January

Thursday 3rd

Back to School

Monday 7th

Epiphany Mass 9.15 am – parents welcome.

Thursday 10th

Auditions for the SJB Cathedral Choir – Years 4,5 and 6

Tuesday 29th

The Choir goes to Young Voices at the O2 in London.

May

Monday 13th

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

Thursday 23rd

Optional Theatre Trip for Year 4,5 and 6. The Terrible Tudors Horrible Histories

