

11th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very busy in school in the lead up to Christmas with all sort of activities going on. We had our school talent show last Thursday—when 32 acts performed for the judges—Noah, Henry and I were the judges and it was very difficult to choose the winners amongst such a variety of acts. Well done to everyone who took part—you all did a fabulous job.

Yesterday we had our music concert for parents and families of those children having music tuition in school.

We have our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday—it's always a feat of ingenuity fitting 131 children into the hall! But they all enjoy having lunch together, with some festive music in the background.

Friday is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children—the children need to wear something festive and bring in a donation to go to this charity.

Wednesday the 18th is our last day of the term and we are ending the term with a Christmas Service in Pulham Market Church at 2pm. Then it's a quick dash home and back to school for the Christmas disco—5pm—6pm for EYFS and KS1 and 6:30pm—7:30pm for KS2.

As this is the last newsletter of 2019 let me wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards
Simone Goddard

KS1 Play

We just wanted to say a really big well done to all of the children and staff involved with the recent play 'The Secret in the Shed!' We are sure you will agree that they all did a magnificent job!

Book Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers to help children choose books from our library. If this is something that you could help with please contact the school office.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all that supported the recent poppy appeal. We raised a fantastic £158.21.

Magpies Hockey



We will be working closely with Magpies Hockey Club next term. Harry from the club will be coaching pupils on Fridays during the school day as well as running an after school club. Details will follow—please look out for flyers coming home soon.

Water Bottles and Snacks

Please can we request that the children's water bottles contain water only and not squash or juice. Additionally may we also remind you that if your child brings a snack to school for break that it should be a healthy snack such as fruit or veggie sticks. We are currently seeing lots of children with cereal bars which often contain lots of sugar. Thank you.

Mental Health Conference

Mrs Thurlwell recently attended the UEA Mental Health Conference where attendees were challenged to think of a project that supports the mental health and wellbeing of children aged 5 to 11. We are very pleased to say that the group Mrs Thurlwell was working with were selected for first prize which will see £6,000 going towards completing the project over a 12 week period. Congratulations and well done to Mrs Thurlwell!

School Lunches

Please may we remind you that school lunches are cooked to order. We ask that bookings are made by 8am on Monday morning so that the kitchen staff can plan and order ingredients for the forthcoming week. We are experiencing a number of children booking a lunch but then bringing a packed lunch into school. This incurs a cost and also contributes to food wastage.

Late Arrivals

We are still having a lot of late arrivals to school. The following figures are for the period from 27th November—6th December:

Penguins	-	0 minutes
Ducks	-	0 minutes
Kingfishers	-	74 minutes
Hummingbirds	-	0 minutes
Puffins	-	44 minutes
Total	-	118 minutes

For information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online please visit the school website www.pulhamprimaryschool.org.uk and navigate to the Key Information tab. From here select Forms & Documents under which you will find the e-safety guidance document which will be available to download. There is also a link on the home page. Alternatively you can call into the office and ask for a paper copy.

Date	Event	Other Info
December		
Friday 13th	Christmas Jumper Day	
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Service	2pm Pulham Market Church
Wednesday 18 th	Last day before holidays	
Wednesday 18 th	FOPPS Disco	
Christmas Holidays Thursday 19th December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020		
January		
Monday 6 th	Children back to school	
February		
W/C Monday 10 th	Bikeability – years 5 & 6	
Friday 14 th	Last day before half term	
Half Term Holiday Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2020		
Monday 24 th	Children back to school	
March		
Monday 23 rd	Easter Service	10am Pulham St Mary Church
Wednesday 25 th	Class Photographs	New date
Saturday 28 th to Wednesday 1 st April	Year 6 Residential Trip	
Easter Holidays Thursday 2nd April to Friday 17th April 2020		
April		
Monday 20 th April	Children back to school	
Thursday 23 rd	Orienteering at ASHS – Y6	
May		
Friday 8th	May Bank Holiday	
Friday 22 nd	Last day before half term	
May Half Term Holiday Monday 25th May to Friday 29nd May 2020		
June		
Monday 1 st	Children back to school	
Tuesday 9 th	Family Information evening – ASHS Y6	
Thursday 11 th	Sports Day	
Wednesday 17 th June	Family Meetings – ASHS Y6	
Thursday 18 th	Reserve Sports Day	
W/c 22 June	Science Week	
July		
Wednesday 1 st	Norfolk Show	
Monday 6 th	KS2 Play	6pm
Tuesday 7 th	KS2 Play	6pm
Wednesday 8 th	Prize Giving	1.30pm Y6 parents
Thursday 9 th	Y5 Experience Day at ASHS	
Friday 10 th	Year 6 Last Day & Y6 Parents Tea Party	
Monday 13 th	Y6 Start ASHS	
Tuesday 21 st	End of Year Assembly	2pm Pulham Market Church
Tuesday 21 st	Last day of term	