

**Can you help?**

We are looking to improve and enhance the independent learning opportunities available to children in Y1 so are appealing for donations of the following:

- wooden pallets, large cable reels, low bookcases/open shelving, storage chests, wooden and plastic crates,
- small storage containers/baskets
- off cuts of plastic pipes and guttering
- loose parts e.g. buttons, clean nuts, bolts and washers of varying sizes, shells, pebbles, glass beads, marbles
- laces, loom bands and surplus craft/collage materials,
- fabric (for draping and crafting)

The school office will be happy to accept donations of smaller items directly. If you can offer any of the larger items, please leave a message and we will get back to you to make arrangements. Thank you.

**Open Day**

Thank you to everyone that attended Open Day on Friday we raised an amazing £658 at HIS and £701 at HJS. The money raised will be used to enhance the curriculum in a variety of ways across the school.

**Reading**

If your child has a library card they also have access to a huge catalogue of ebooks and audiobooks. Please visit <https://www.borrowbox.com/> to find out more or download the app onto your phone, iPad or android tablet and activate using your library card number.

**Christmas Jumper Day**

The school is supporting the National Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. Children are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform instead of a school jumper. If you wish to donate to Save the Children you are more than welcome to send in a donation. It is entirely optional to join in with.

**Mobile Phones**

A large number of our children have mobile phones and spend a lot of time communicating with friends and peers by texting or in group chats. It is important you are aware of how they are communicating so it may be necessary from time to time to check their messages or listen in to their gaming chats. Please make it a regular discussion point at home to talk about responsible and appropriate texting and group chat behaviour.

We are aware of incidents that have happened online outside of school and we always aim to recap our online safety guidance with the children when things arise.

Please use the link to find out more about how to keep your children safe online

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>

**INFANTS****Reception & Year 1**

If your child has been asked to bring in a costume for the Christmas Performances, can they please be in school by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Post Boxes for Christmas cards are located in the Hall and YR. Unfortunately we are unable to provide class lists for children's names.

Don't forget to book performance seats - reminder no siblings if in the school hall and there are only 2 tickets available per family. Speak to the Office about Dress Rehearsals.

**JUNIORS****Year 5 Swimming**

Mr Molloy's Adventurers class and the remaining half of Mr Tierney's class will start swimming on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December until 13<sup>th</sup> January. There will be 1 additional week remaining, 20<sup>th</sup> January, reserved for all children who are still not achieving the age related expectation. A reminder that girls need to wear a full costume (no bikinis) and boys need trunks (no long shorts) and an appropriate sized towel.

# PASTORAL SUPPORT

## LOOK AFTER YOURSELF



### Free Christmas meals this December

Whether you fancy some company, don't have much money or just fancy something different, please feel free to come along to any one of these Christmas meals. No judgment, no hassle. A lovely atmosphere awaits you at all of the meals below:

#### Sat 21st/Sun 22nd Dec

Free Christmas day lunch. Open 10-2. Food served 11-1.30.

**Johnny's Happy Place**

Keystone, 97 Rockingham Rd, Kettering

#### Xmas Day

7.30-9.30am Free Xmas breakfast.

**Johnny's Happy Place**

11am-2pm Free Xmas lunch

**The Eden Centre**

Eden St, Kettering

[www.johnnyshappyplace.com](http://www.johnnyshappyplace.com)

## Advance Dates

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 1 dress rehearsal PM
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr R dress rehearsal AM
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 1 performance AM
	Yr 3 dress rehearsal AM
	Yr R performance PM
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr R performance AM
	Yr 5 dress rehearsal AM
	Yr 2 performance PM
	Yr 3 performance PM
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 5 performance AM
	Yr 2 Performance AM
	Yr 1 performance PM
	Yr 4 performance PM
	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 3 Performance AM
	Yr 5 performance PM
	Yr 6 Performance PM
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties Yr R/1/2 children come in party clothes
	Junior School children mufti day bring games to play

**School Closes Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Re-Opens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

