

## Pinchmill Primary School Update

### Excite, Inspire, Engage, Achieve

#### Upcoming dates

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 5/6 Athletics comp for those involved – letter emailed

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** Phonics information meeting run by English Hub  
Consultant 2:45pm

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 3/4 Athletics Comp for those involved – letter emailed

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** - Foxes boys Dodgeball comp for those involved – letter to follow

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** – Owls boys Dodgeball comp for those involved – letter to follow

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Fayre 3:20pm

#### CHRISTMAS PLAYS

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Pre School (Ducklings) Reception (Hedgehogs) and Year 1/2 (Squirrels) - **10am Performance**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3/4 (Foxes) and Year 5/6 (Owls) - **2pm Performance**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** Panto Trip

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Foxes girls Dodgeball comp for those involved – letter to follow

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3/4 (Foxes) and Year 5/6 (Owls) **10am Performance**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Pre School (Ducklings) Reception (Hedgehogs) and Year 1/2 (Squirrels) - **2pm Performance**

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Owls girls Dodgeball comp for those involved – letter to follow

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3/4 (Foxes) and Year 5/6 (Owls) **6pm Performance**

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christingle Making  
Christmas Dinner/Jumper  
Day

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christingle and Carol service in the Church at 2pm.

**End of Autumn Term – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

#### Head Teacher message

In a school Christmas comes around very quickly, as I have walked through the school I have heard Christmas songs being practiced and rails of costume have started to appear. It is a very exciting time for the children, and they are in huddles in the playground practicing their lines. It won't be long now until we put up the tree and the stage and invite you all to join us for our annual Christmas shows. As can be seen in the upcoming dates, there will be a number of performances, so that everyone gets an opportunity to see their child/children perform.

For each performance, you will be able to have two tickets, please let the office know if you do not need both tickets if you would like to be put on the list for any extra tickets.

I am really looking forward to seeing the final shows.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents evening. I hope you found this helpful. I have had some feedback that the current report format, is a little confusing because it shows that most child are emerging at the beginning of the year. This has caused some concern as some parents have understood this to mean that your child/children are under achieving. I would like to explain and hopefully reassure you that at the beginning of each academic year (September), the children begin a new age appropriate curriculum. This learning is new learning and will be covered across the whole year. Therefore, as your child has not yet had chance to cover the new curriculum they are said to be emerging. Some parents have said that they would find it more helpful if we were to tell them if their child/children are on track to meet or even exceed the age related expectations. I will consider this feedback carefully before we send out the Spring interim reports.

We have once again been invited to join the Harpur Trust Art Competition, Last year a number of children had their art work displayed in the Cecil Higgins Art Museum. An artist will be working with the Reception and Year 1 and 2 children. And visiting the school soon and working with the children to produce art work for this year's competition. Fingers crossed we will again have some winners.

Please can I draw your attention to the upcoming dates on the left hand side of this update. Not only are the Christmas performances detailed but also the Christmas Fayre, Christmas Panto trip and the Carols and Christingle service in the church. You can also see that there are a number of sports festivals and fixtures before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

Have a good weekend  
Mrs Bailey

**Start of Spring Term Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**