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## Term 2 Newsletter

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### All Saints Anglican/Methodist Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

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#### Head Teacher's message.

Welcome to Term 2 but I am wondering where on earth Term 1 went - the year seems to be flying by!

We have yet another busy term ahead of us with many seasonal events taking place – details of which can be found within this newsletter. The learning taking place this term is based around The Frozen Kingdom, Scrumdiddlyumptious, The Enchanted Woodland and Why do squirrels bury their nuts? - your children will know which journey they are on if you ask them.

Preparations for Christmas will begin later on this month and details of our Christmas Fair, Christmas and Party lunches and Panto are all contained below.

Thank you for your continued support and if ever you have any questions or concerns please call in for a chat.

#### Children in Need

This year the theme for Children in Need is 'The Big Spottacular' so we are asking that children wear something spotty on Friday 17 November be that a spotty costume, an entire spotty outfit or even their school jumper decorated with stick on spots – they can be as 'spotty' as they choose to be! Donations will be collected within school on this day and funds from the cake sale being held in the hall after school will also be given to this worthwhile charity.

If you have any old 'round pounds' these are also being collected.

Thank you for your support.

#### Elston's Got Talent!

We will be holding the heats for Elston's Got Talent on Monday 20 November and the finals on Friday 24 November. The children are already working hard on their acts and I imagine it will be another tricky one to judge. The finals will be held at 2.00pm in the hall and parents are invited to come along to watch and vote for their favourite act.

It is always a fabulous event and we look forward to seeing you, and the talents of the children, on Friday 24.



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## In the School Community

### Diary Dates

All diary dates are on our website. Some key dates for your diary are:

Fri 3 Nov – Christmas Shoe Box appeal gifts to be in school

6 – 10 Nov – Owls at Dukes Barn on their residential visit.

Sun 12 Nov – Remembrance Service in All Saints Church

Fri 17 Nov – Children in Need & cake sale

Mon 20 Nov – Elston's Got Talent heats

Tues 22 Nov – Owls lead worship

Fri 24 Nov – Elston's Got Talent Final

Thur 30 Nov – Christmas Fair

Mon 4 Dec – Nativity dress rehearsal

Wed 6 Dec – Nativity Performance (6.00pm)

Mon 11 Dec – School disco – 3.45 – 5.45

Wed 13 Dec – Panto – Sleeping Beauty

Thurs 14 – Christmas Lunch

Fri 15 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 22 Dec – Party lunch day and Carol Service at 2.00pm in the Church – all welcome!

Mon 8 Jan – back to school!

## Information and Events

### Parking

Please can I ask that you show consideration for our neighbours and, more importantly, have regard for the safety of our children when you drive down the lane and park at the start and end of the school day. With the nights becoming darker so much earlier it is even more important to take care, the children are so full of excitement at the thought of having their tea they don't always look as carefully as they should! Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 30 November between 5.00pm and 6.30pm. Please come along to try your hand at some of the games, visit Father Christmas and see the Christmas Crafts made by the children. The Parent Support Group are busy organising what promises to be a great event but are always keen for new members to join them. Please speak to any of the team if you are interested in getting involved.

### Nativity Performance

The annual Nativity Performance will take place on Wednesday 6 December at 6.00pm. Details and tickets will be available towards the end of this month. Initially 2 tickets per family will be allocated and then, depending on numbers, further tickets may be released. As our hall is quite small we are limited to how many we can accommodate but will open up the dress rehearsal on Monday 4 December at 2.00pm for Elston villagers to come and see the performance. Any villagers or grandparents of the children wishing to join us for this will need to contact school so that we can ensure seating is available.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

The annual Christmas Jumper Day held to raise funds for Save the Children will be held on Friday 15 December. Children (and adults) are invited to come to school in their festive jumpers. All other usual school uniform should be worn. Any donations for Save the Children will be collected during the morning.

### Owls Class Worship

Owls will be leading Worship on Tuesday 21 November, please feel free to come along and join us. Worship will begin at 9.00pm and usually lasts for about 20 minutes. It will be lovely to see you.

### Christmas and Party lunches

Mrs Russell will soon be sending out details of Christmas and Party lunches – please ensure that you return your forms promptly as it is incredibly difficult for Mrs Gibson in the kitchen to plan and order for the meals otherwise. If the forms are not received then we will assume that your child **will not** be having these lunches.

### Panto –

Our annual Pantomime will take place on the morning of 13 December (...oh yes it will!). There is no cost to parents as it is fully paid for out of the money raised by our Parent Support Group. The performances are fantastic and the children really enjoy them. There is always lots of audience participation and it is a joy to see the children's faces during the morning. If you have any questions please come and see Mrs Russell or Mrs Richmond.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S INHALER IS IN SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ONE**

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of you who came along or donated cakes to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was particularly lovely to see you as you had to brave quite torrential rain to get here! Through your support we were able to raise £80 so once again, an enormous THANK YOU to everybody involved and the Parent support group for helping run the event.