

# NORTHSTEAD NEWS

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## Poppy Appeal—Thank you

The Royal British Legion have asked us to pass on their grateful thanks for the kind donations, which amounted to the wonderful total of £128.88



## School Gates close at 8:45am

We are noticing an increased amount of children arriving to school after 8:45am. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time, with everything they need for the day.

Many Thanks



Christmas Dinner is on Friday 10th December and the cost is £2.50. If you have not already ordered and wish to stay, please inform the office of the chosen option asap. The only options on this day are Christmas Dinner or Vegetarian Christmas Dinner.

## Reminder—Parents of Nursery Children

**(born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018)**

If you have a child who falls into the age range above then they are due to start school in September 2022

You can apply for a reception place from 12/10/21 to 15/01/22.



### Age UK— Shoebbox Appeal

A huge thank  
you to all our

families who donated items for the appeal. Your generosity is much appreciated. Also a special thank you to staff members who have spent a lot of time organising and wrapping shoe boxes!

**Friday 17th  
December**



**Save the  
Children**  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

Children can wear  
a Christmas

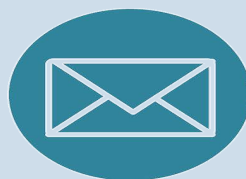
jumper in support

of Save the Children. Please donate  
directly, as school will not be  
collecting cash this year.

## Contact Details

Please could you make sure that school are kept up to date with any changes in address / phone number / e-mail so we have your current details on our system.

Many Thanks



## Exciting News

We would like to welcome Miss Johnson back to school on Monday 6th December following her maternity leave.

# TOY SWAP

Friday 17th December  
12-4pm at The Street

Bring your pre-loved, good as new, children's toys to our Green Christmas Fair and receive another pre-loved toy completely free

Every year it is estimated that 8.5 Million good as new toys go to landfill. Wouldn't it be great if they could go to a new home to be loved?



### Absence Procedure

If your child is absent from school, please follow absence procedure by phoning school on 01723 362249 before 8:30am. Please state your child's name, their class, the reason for absence and when they are likely to return to school.

Many Thanks

### Covid Test Results

Please could you ensure that any covid test results, either positive or negative need to be reported to the school office as soon as they are received.



Please see the attachments sent with this newsletter for some Christmas activities at the Gallows Close Centre



### The 'Reet' Good Northstead Biscuit Bake Off 2021

Many thanks to all those who baked some amazing biscuits for our 'Reet' good biscuit bake off recently. We were able to raise an amazing £313 for St Catherine's Hospice.

### Safer parking at the school gates.

Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents with busy lives. Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?

#### Please don't:

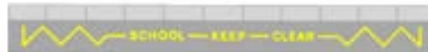
- Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction
- Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- Leave your vehicle with the engine still running
- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.



#### Have you thought about?

- The health benefits of walking or cycling one (or more) days a week?
- Car sharing?
- Parking nearby and then walking the rest of the way?

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but **they will help your child's education**. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.



### Christmas Reading Challenge

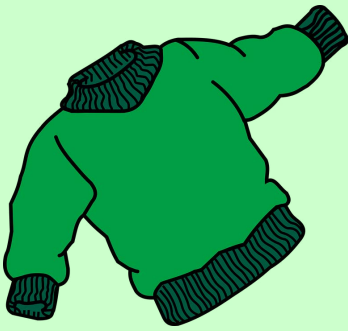
NYCC are running Christmas reading challenge. Please contact your local library for more details.

### Drinking Water in school

To help in keeping children healthy, we encourage drinking water in school. However, we have noticed some children are bringing in juice and not water. Please could you only send your child to school with water in their bottle.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

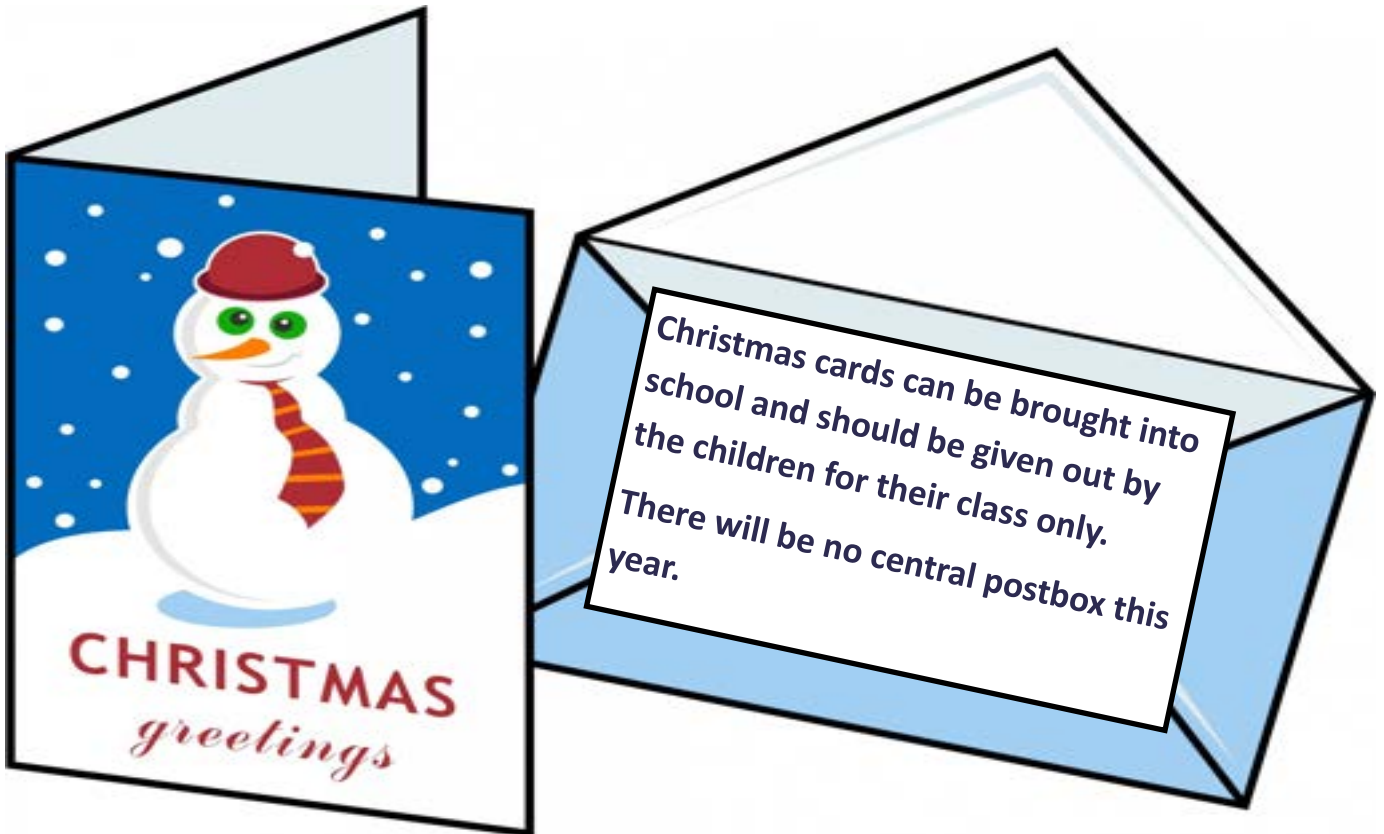




## Warm clothing

Please send your children to school in warm clothing. All classrooms must be well ventilated to allow a good airflow. The windows and doors are open, so we are prepared at this time to allow children to wear an extra jumper (no hoodies please), so that children are warm in their classrooms.

Please also ensure that children come to school with a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf for outside. We will still try to get the children outside in the cold weather so wrap up warm. If children wear wellies to school, please bring shoes / slippers to wear indoors.



## Change of Menu w/c 6th December

Please note that the hot dinner choice on Wednesday 8th December will be Fish fingers, this is due to Christmas Dinner being served on Friday 10th December.

**Christmas Dates for your diaries**

Tuesday 7th December Year 2 Performance of Babushka  
available online from midday

Tuesday 7th December Year 2 children singing in playground  
2:30pm weather permitting

Wednesday 8th December Year 1 children singing in playground  
2:30pm weather permitting

Thursday 9th December EYFS Performance of the Christmas Story  
available online from midday

Thursday 9th December EYFS children singing in playground  
2:30pm weather permitting

Friday 10th December Christmas Dinner

Sunday 12th December Choir at Festival of Carols, Queen St  
Methodist Church

Monday 13th December EYFS Christmas Party

Tuesday 14th December Y1/Y2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 15th December Y3/Y4 Christmas Party

Thursday 16th December Y5 Christmas Party

Friday 17th December Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December Y6 Christmas Party

Friday 17th December Christingle Service

