



8<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Next Week

- Tomorrow –** NO Celebration Assembly
- Monday –** Nativity Performance (9.30am)
- Tuesday -** Nativity Performance (1.30pm)  
**NO** Young Voices
- Wednesday -** Pantomime Visit (8.45am arrive at school)
- Thursday –** Christmas Jumper Day  
Hot Christmas Lunch  
Guitar lessons (from 10am – **not** at lunch)  
National Elf Service Virtual Visit
- Friday –** Last day of term  
End of Term Service (9.10am School)  
**School finishes at 3.30pm**

**Don't forget to keep up with what we are getting up to on our school blog:**

**[www.scamptonschoolnews2022.wordpress.com](http://www.scamptonschoolnews2022.wordpress.com)**

## Christmas Post Box

The last collection from the Christmas Post Box will be on THURSDAY. Until Thursday, children can use the post box to post Christmas Cards to their friends. House Captains will be sorting and delivering the mail daily. If children would like to send cards this way, please make sure that the full name and class of the recipient is clear on the envelope.

## Nativity Costumes

On Friday, Monday and Tuesday, children will be wearing nativity costumes provided by school for our nativity (including dress rehearsal tomorrow). Outfits will be worn over their clothes. It is forecast to be chilly so we are asking children to wear warm PE kits (including joggers and sweatshirt) with sufficient layers to keep them warm. Please therefore send children to school for the next three days in their warm PE kits, preferably with dark coloured shoes/trainers.

## Nativity



Due to the amazing things happening at the church, we will once again be performing our Nativity at school. Our intention is to again have our nativity outdoors where we can accommodate all families and friends – this time on the school playground. We'll provide some seating but it may be necessary for some people to stand. If you want to bring your own chair – that's fine too. **Please make sure you come dressed for the weather!**

If it is blowing a gale or pouring with rain, we'll perform the songs and script as best we can in the hall in a more 'concert style' performance.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.30am (gates open 9am)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – 1.30pm (gates open 1.15pm)

Before each performance, FOSS will be selling hot drinks and other refreshments for you to enjoy. Please bring cash. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a Christmas Hamper Prize Draw at the end of each performance.

Unlike many schools, we do not issue tickets nor make a charge for any school production. This year however, we are asking that you could perhaps bring with you some dried or tinned food that can be donated to the Lincoln Food Bank. We understand that they will also accept at this time of year donations of bought mince pies and sweets to include in food parcels. Your donations will be passed on to the food bank by the end of next week.

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## Scamps

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Scamps will be having their Christmas Party! Food, fun and games with festive cheer. Bookings should be made online in the normal way.

The best way to contact Scamps, for example to cancel a booking, is to email [scamps@scampton.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:scamps@scampton.lincs.sch.uk) or send a text to 07821134400. Both are monitored throughout the day.

For safeguarding and insurance reasons, Scamps Club can only accept pupils that have been booked in via the booking system online. **Bookings close at 2.30pm (on the day) for after school club and 10.30pm (the day before) for breakfast club.** We need to do this in order to arrange appropriate staffing levels based on the number of children booked in to a session.

There will be no after school Scamps Club Session on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## Hello Annie Fannie! Pantomime Visit - Wednesday



### REMEMBER:

- SEND IN A PACKED LUNCH (NO SCHOOL MEALS THAT DAY)
- ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 8.45AM (COACH DEPARTS AT 9AM)
- WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM
- SAY "THANK YOU" TO FOSS WHO HAVE PAID FOR THE TRANSPORT AND LOLLIES TO HAVE IN THE INTERVAL.

## Hot Christmas Meal and Christmas Jumper Day

For our Christmas Lunch, all pupils will eat together in their house teams with tables decorated, games and Christmas Songs playing! School Council have decided upon a Christmas Quiz too. Children who would rather still have a pack up that day will of course eat alongside their friends and enjoy the occasion.

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper that day or decorate their own. We ask for a £1 donation to School Council's nominated charity – St Barnabas please. Bring this on the day.

## Emails to School

If informing us of a child's absence by email, in order to be sure that email messages reach all the necessary people before the start of the school day - please email [enquiries@scampton.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@scampton.lincs.sch.uk) rather than an individual staff member.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Arriving late and missing the same activity each morning over time has a detrimental effect on children's progress. Please make sure that your child has arrived by 9am each day.

A recent review of attendance by the Local Authority has highlighted some attendance issues caused by taking children out of school for family holidays. We would like to respectfully ask that parents DO NOT book holidays during term time. We appreciate that from time to time there may be exceptional circumstances requiring this and absence requests will continue to be considered on a case by case basis. We also appreciate that pupil illness is often unfortunate and unavoidable (and we thank parents for keeping children at home to prevent spread of infection). As a guide – pupil attendance that is below 95% over a 12 month period is considered a cause for concern.

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## Strep A and infection control in school

You will no doubt be aware of Media reports covering the increase in 'Strep A' outbreaks (Streptococcus Pyogenes Bacteria infection).

[Click here](#) to read a letter provided by Lincolnshire County Council with advice regarding symptoms and the actions to take if you think your child has scarlet fever.

Please be mindful that scarlet fever is a common annual infection in Schools and Nurseries usually with no complications. It is treatable with antibiotics.

If your child has any symptoms please to take them to their G.P.

If they are diagnosed then the absence advice is to stay off school for 24 hours after the commencement of antibiotics.

In school we are encouraging and increasing good hand washing, sanitising and hygiene measures.

The local Health Protection Team is working with all schools to monitor cases closely.

In addition, there are also many colds circulating, again - common for this time of year. These spread quickly and easily in school due to multiple interactions indoors. Whilst we are keen for children to have a good attendance, we are also keen to protect other children and their families from infections. Please do not send children to school if they are not well – for their sake and for the sake of others too. If, for example you think it necessary to send your child in with Calpol – they should not be in at all please.



## End of Term Service

Normally we would end our term with a service in the church. Because children are collected from the church after the service, we usually finish a little earlier.

This year, as we cannot use the church, we'll be having a special assembly in the school hall in the morning at 9.10am when we'll sing some carols and hear readings about the Christmas Story. Parents are welcome to attend.

**School will finish at the normal time of 3.30pm.**

## Dates for your diary

|                               |                                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 12th Dec -                    | Nativity (am performance) (9.30am)       |
| 13th Dec -                    | Nativity (pm performance) (1.30pm)       |
| 14th Dec -                    | Pantomime visit                          |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec -        | Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day |
| 16th Dec -                    | Last day of term                         |
| 19th-Dec – 2nd Jan –          | Christmas Break                          |
| 3rd Jan –                     | INSET DAY                                |
| <b>4th Jan 2023 –</b>         | <b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>         |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> June (6pm) - | <b>SAVE THE DATE! WATCH THIS SPACE!</b>  |

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