



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

December Dates

- **Wednesday 14th December: Christmas lunch will be served.** The students are permitted to wear their Christmas jumpers throughout the day, with normal school uniform. This is optional.
- **Thursday 15th December: Christmas Non-Uniform Day.** The Charity Committee would like everyone to take part and to make a £2.00 donation. Donations can be made using Wisepay. The funds raised will be split equally between our supported charity, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, and the student led school council.
- **Monday 19th December: Speech Day.** School ends at **12.30 pm** for all those students not involved in Speech Day in the afternoon.
- **Wednesday 21st December: Last day of term.** Students are dismissed at 12.45pm.

PressTales

Please click [here](#) for this week's PressTales.

Carol Concert

Please be advised that, due to construction work taking place in the Church, the annual carol concert will take place at Presdales School on Tuesday 13th December. The service will start at 6.00pm and is open to all parents, not just those whose children are taking part.

Christmas Raffle

A reminder that you can still purchase raffle tickets. Your support in selling as many as possible is appreciated. The deadline for purchase and return to the school office before break on Friday 16th December. If you need more tickets, then please ask your child to collect them from the school office.

Food Bank Donation

As we have had a great response to the food bank donations, we are extending the collection date to 9:00am on Wednesday 14th December. Students can bring their donations to the Pastoral Office.

Speech Day – Monday 19th December

School will finish at **12.30pm** on Speech Day. Golden Boy Coach (E85) and Micks Travel will call at school at 12.30pm. The other coaches will arrive at the usual time as they also have to serve other local schools. If your child is unable to be collected early, then they can stay in school until the coaches arrive at the normal time.

All Year 12 students who were Presdales students last year are expected in the morning to rehearse and to be present at Speech Day to collect their certificates, as it takes place during a normal school day. Year 12 will register as normal at 8.40am and then go promptly to the rehearsal.

Year 12 students who joined us this year from a different school are not expected in school on this day at all. There will be no lessons for Year 12.

We look forward to celebrating and applauding our students in this way, the first time we have been able to do it in person since 2019!

Mini Whiteboards

Mini whiteboards are a key tool that teachers are using to check the understanding of all students in the class.

All students from Year 7 to 13 are expected to have a mini whiteboard and whiteboard pen as part of their equipment every lesson.

All students were provided with their own mini whiteboard and whiteboard pen during COVID and each new Year 7 and Year 12 cohort receive these when they arrive at the school in September.

If a student damages or misplaces their whiteboard or pen, it is their responsibility to replace them. This can be done through the Maths department, who sell replacements at break and lunchtime in the Maths office.

390 Bus

A parent from Chauncy School, who is also on the Watton at Stone Parish Council, has asked us to share a survey they are conducting about the 390 bus and the quality of service. We do have students who use this bus, so if you wish to take part in the survey, please click [here](#).

Kind regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher