

INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING ACADEMIES TRUST



DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that December is here and this is the final newsletter of 2021!

As the final few weeks of the term are upon us, we are beginning to get into the Christmas Spirit. We are all excited to return to sharing our Christmas Performances with you in the coming weeks as well as welcoming you all to our School Christmas Outdoor Market!

It was lovely to see so many of you returning to the school building for Parent's Evening, thank you to you all for your patience as we make small changes to how we operate such events to ensure the safety of us all!

We are currently following the updated guidance from the government and the wearing of face masks in the building is now mandatory (except when teaching)

Once again we thank you for your cooperation by wearing a face mask when inside our buildings. Our aim is to end the term without having too many staff and children absent with COVID. If staffing levels drop too low we would not be able to open and so mask wearing is a key health and safety measure we can use to minimize our risk.

We are also one of very few schools to follow the government advice on ensuring that we try and provide live nativity performances. We can only do this with enough staff and children in our building and so our audiences must wear a face mask to protect our children and staff. Please note that you will be denied entrance to the Christmas performance without a ticket and a face mask. We thank you for your understanding and wonderful support in this matter. Your lovely comments have been welcomed so thank you for wearing a mask.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking
Executive Head Teacher

Miss Suzanne Rawlings
Head Teacher Norton le Moors

Miss Leanne Gallagher
Head of School Newstead

Mr Paul Davies
Head of School Whitfield Valley

Virtual School Tours

For those of you that regularly visit our school websites, you will notice that we have added Virtual School Tours to each school website. You can take a look around each building, navigating your way through the corridors and around the classrooms. To view the virtual tours, go to the home page of each school website, then click on the button that looks like the one shown here.

www.newstead.stoke.sch.uk

www.norton.stoke.sch.uk

www.whitfieldv.org.uk

Virtual Tour

Take a look at our amazing school and facilities with our 360 degree interactive virtual tour.

SEE OUR ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are so excited to continue to re-introduce some of our most popular Christmas events with our children.



Christmas Jumper Day

We shall celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 13th December 2021. Children can then wear their Christmas Jumpers to their party on the same day.

Christmas Party Afternoon

Monday 13th December 2021 is Christmas party afternoon. Children will take part in lots of fun activities, a disco and EYFS and KS1 may have a visitor with presents who will also leave presents for KS2

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 14th December - Whitfield Valley Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th December - Norton le Moors Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16th December - Newstead Christmas Lunch



To book a Christmas lunch please complete the sticker in your child's planner by Monday 6th December 2021.

Year 5 and Year 6 – Showstoppers taking place at Ormiston

Year 5 and Year 6 children have been working really hard each week to learn a drama and dance performance, to then present to yourselves. The performance piece relates to the topics that children have been learning about and reflects their ongoing learning. If you are a parent/ carer of a Year 5 or 6 child, please ensure you have read the letter sent to you and follow the online link via BeeActive to register your child's attendance. You can also order your own tickets to the performance from the website.



The dates are as follows:

Monday 13th December 2021 is for Newstead at OSSMA with the performance starting in the theatre at 7pm.

Tuesday 14th December 2021 is for Norton and Whitfield at Horizon with the performance starting in the theatre at 7pm.

It is sure to be a masterpiece and we look forward to seeing you there.



THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2021

The Christmas Fayre will take place at each school on Friday 3rd December from 3.30pm to 5.00pm

This year our Christmas Fayre will be much like the city Christmas Markets you may have previously visited and will take place outside, this will be clearly signposted on the evening.

There will be many Christmas Stalls, Christmas games and a chance to meet Santa.

Wrap up warm as there is no access to the indoors.

Please also note we will not have any toilet facilities at the Christmas Fayre (all children in school will have the opportunity to visit the toilets just before the end of the school day.)

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES 2021

NEWSTEAD

Monday 6th December - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 9.30am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 1.45pm

Tuesday 7th December - Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 9.30am
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 1.45pm

Wednesday 8th December - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 9.30am
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 1.45pm

Thursday 9th December - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 9.30am
EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 1.45pm

NORTON LE MOORS

Monday 6th December - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 9.30am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 1.45pm

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Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 1.45pm

Thursday 9th December - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 9.30am
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WHITFIELD VALLEY

Monday 6th December - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 9.30am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 1.45pm

Tuesday 7th December - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 9.30am
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 1.45pm

Wednesday 8th December - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 9.30am
EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 1.45pm

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Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 1.45pm

Tickets went on sale on Monday 15th November 2021 £2.00 each. 2 tickets per child will be guaranteed. Once a performance is full, there are no extra tickets available.