



Noadswood News Volume 6:

Week Commencing: 11th December 2023

Week B

Events coming up:

- 12th- Art trip to London
- 13th - Noadswood Festive Concert – Doors open 5pm
- 15th - Term ends 12.30pm - see below for the arrangements

Message from the Leadership Team:

Dear Noadswood families,

We hope that this newsletter finds you well. We have had a superb week in school, full of festive cheer.

Looking ahead, we hope so much to see you at our Festive Concert on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall – doors open at 5:00pm. We have 56 or so young people involved in this concert and they want to see you there, their friends, families and Noadswood community members, whoever you are!

This follows some of our singers' festive work at the Hythe Huddle earlier in the week, where they did such a fine job that these were the comments: 'Your children were such a delight and a credit to your school. The enthusiasm and cheer they brought to the performance was fabulous.' We are proud of them and we hope this will encourage even more of you to come and hear them in action on Wednesday 13th, not to mention that rumour hath it that the staff band may be back.... It has been a joy to be part of the daily year group festive lunches, an opportunity for year groups to come together and enjoy a meal together.



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We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Rawlinson and all the Year Leaders who have organised this so brilliantly. And a tremendous thank you also to CaterLink who have provided over 700 festive lunches in addition to lunch for the rest of the school.



In the spirit of festive cheer, we were absolutely delighted by the success of *Noadswood's Bikedshed Bonanza Festive Auction* that took place on Thursday December 7th from 6pm in our school hall. Purchases from the tabletop sales and bids for one of the super lots we were donated so kindly totalled a whopping £993, with the top three bids being for art work produced and donated by one of our ELSA team, Miss Harwood, a football signed by the Saints and an incredible Lego donation – it was a lovely, festive event, entirely led and staffed by students, and we're immensely proud of their initiative! Huge thanks to Mrs Wyse and every colleague who came along and supported us on the night, as well as all the supportive parents and carers – what a team effort towards our Bikedshed goal!





We were also fortunate to celebrate just some of our young people's achievements at our Awards Evening this week – our thanks to everyone who organised and attended, and a warm congratulations to all the young people who were awarded this time. We have done some work this term as a staff team, reminding us to 'consider the four corners of the classroom' so to speak; this reinforces for us that we need to pause and consider everyone within our school, not only those that make the most obvious impact. So as much as we want to congratulate those nominated this time, as Miss Marshall said to Year 11 this morning, we also want to congratulate those who turn up, day in and day out, quietly succeeding in all they do as well as those who, day in and day out, are overcoming their challenges in a whole host of ways all the time. As we come to the end of this long term, we want to salute every one of you, in your own right.

Road Safety:

We would also like to take the opportunity to re-visit an earlier communication we sent in October regarding road safety. Your children's safety is of utmost importance to us as it is to you, and we kindly ask for your support in promoting safe driving, considerate parking, and the use of helmets for cycling by your children – another example of where we all need our best teamwork.

Firstly, we'd like to discuss the importance of safe driving around our school premises. We kindly request that all parents and carers remember just to adhere to speed limits, traffic rules, and to eliminate distractions while behind the wheel. By doing so, we create a safe space for our children to arrive and depart from school each day, and it helps us in encouraging better habits in the young people, too.

Furthermore, considerate parking plays a pivotal role in ensuring the safety of our students as well as being considerate to our local community. We kindly ask that all families park responsibly, avoiding blocking driveways or other designated areas. Thoughtful parking not only facilitates smooth traffic flow but also ensures the safety and accessibility of our school grounds for all.

Additionally, we cannot stress enough the importance of children wearing helmets and practising safe cycling habits. Bikes are such a fantastic mode of transportation, promoting physical activity and independence for our young people. We kindly request your partnership in reinforcing these safety measures at home and in conversations with your children as we do here.

End of Term: Friday 15th December 2023

Final Day Timings and Celebration Assemblies:

8:45 - 8:50	Tutor Time
8:50 - 9:40	Lesson 1
9:40 - 10:30	Lesson 2
10:30 - 10:45	Break



Assembly Order:

10:50 - 11:10	Year 7 Assembly
11:10 - 11:30	Year 8 Assembly
11:30 - 11:50	Year 9 Assembly
11:50 - 12:10	Year 10 Assembly
12:10 - 12:30	Year 11 Assembly

Year 7-10 will be dismissed from their tutor rooms, Year 11 dismissed from the school hall. Please note sometimes assemblies can overrun and whilst we will try our best to adhere to timings, on the day they may overrun slightly. We look forward to welcoming everyone back together on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

If you need us over the break, please mark an email urgent and send it to info@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

With our sincere thanks to you all and to your children for everyone's efforts, enthusiasm, support and good spirits this term, and with every good wish for the festive season ahead, Kathryn Marshall, Headteacher and the Noadswood Leadership Team.

Safeguarding and Inclusion:

As we head towards the Christmas break, we thought it would be useful to remind you of the various agencies and support that you can reach out to over the holiday period. Of course, if you've got an urgent safeguarding concern, please do email our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Helen Loveday, who will be checking in throughout – hloveday@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

The festive period can bring a range of stresses, pressures and worries and so it's important that all of our community, adults and students alike, know where they can turn to for help and support.

The following websites are offer a variety of support and signposting:

Our FROG well-being page	Open Frog, search for 'Well-Being' and you'll find a wealth of resources on a variety of issues.
Kooth: Home - Kooth	Free, safe and anonymous support via a live Chat team. They've also got discussion boards and articles for advice with a range of mental health concerns.
CAMHS videos: Videos & Podcasts – CAMHS (hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk)	There are videos and podcasts on the CAMHS website that cover all kinds of mental health issues. Some are informative, some provide help and advice. They're really worth a look as they cover so many issues and concerns.
Hampshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership Get help and support - Hampshire SCP	Plenty of resources for both adults and young people, produced by the Hampshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership.



Lost Property:

From Monday 11th December we will be hanging lost property on a rail at reception for all students/parents to come to look through to find their lost items.



Religious Studies & Ethics:

As many of our Noadswood families are preparing to celebrate Christmas, we think of everyone no matter how you are spending your break from school. Whether that be staying at home or visiting family. We hope that you end 2023 well and look forward to a positive 2024.



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PSA News:

Please can we request....

If you could send into school any used Christmas cards. They can be given to Mrs Blowers or dropped in a box that will be in T21. Many thanks



Also, the PSA would really appreciate any donations of gifts towards future raffles – if you have any duplicate presents or would like to 'regift'. Donations of gifts can either be handed into reception or given to Mrs Blowers, Mrs Rollett, Miss Ebblewhite, Mrs Woods or Mrs Western.



As ever, THANK YOU so much for your continued support. It is never easy to fund raise when you are a school and this seems to be especially difficult in the secondary sector of the education system. We do appreciate all your support throughout the year, whether it has been buying a disco or raffle ticket or entering the Noadswood School Lottery (drawn weekly), we couldn't do it without you!

