

# Perton Middle School

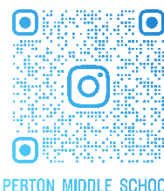
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## NEWSLETTER 21.12.23

As another year draws to a close, many of us will find ourselves reflecting on the year that has passed and the new year that lies ahead. The end of this term marks the end of my second term as Acting Headteacher and I would like to thank you all for the support you have given to me and the PMS team during this time. I feel immensely privileged to have overseen the arrival of our current Year 5s and all the other new students who have joined along the way and to watch them settle and grow in to middle school life. School days are busy and I am grateful to belong to a team that actively seeks to nurture and challenge the young people in our care and to help them navigate the highs and lows that life typically offers people of their age.

I am very proud of the opportunities we have been able to offer over the term, including trips, theatre performances, Solutions for the Planet, our own Christmas showcase and even the return of the PMS disco. None of these things would be possible without people who are willing to put in extra time and energy and students who have the motivation to accept new challenges and experiences. This term, we have also taken the first steps towards setting up our PTFA and if you are interested in joining us, please [contact the office](#) - all help is appreciated.

We have engaged in a number of charity events this year as part of our drive to help our students to see how they can make a contribution to the lives of others in their community and beyond and the students have many great ideas for future events, too. I look forward to working alongside you next term and remember that we are very accessible if you would like to discuss any questions or concerns and please follow our updates on the school website, the SIMS app and Facebook.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas period and a very happy new year.

*Michelle Burrington*

Acting Headteacher

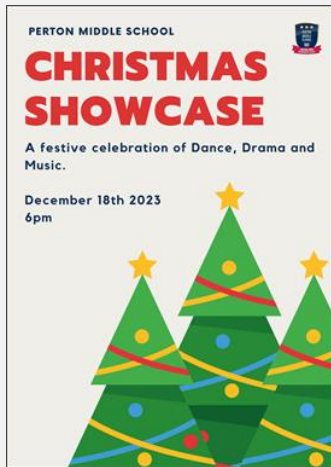
## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Finish at 1.30pm last day of term
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – back to school
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – INSET day





## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 2023



It certainly felt like Christmas had arrived on Monday evening as we welcomed an audience of nearly 200 people to our Christmas Showcase. Our guests were treated to a wonderful array of talented performers (50 in total) who sang a range of Christmas carols, danced, acted and played their instruments for their expectant audience. A wonderful evening was had by all. We also supported our newly formed PTFA in their fundraising towards our new theatre curtains through the raffle contributions and refreshments.

We are so proud of all those involved in the showcase. A big well done!

## PANTO TRIP: SNOW WHITE



On Wednesday 20th December, over 120 children from our school community witnessed the 'fairest panto of them all' in **Snow White** at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. We were wowed by the fantastic performances, the toe-tapping music

and the jokes galore! In Mrs Cadwallader's words, "It was the finest 'if I were not upon this stage' routine that I've ever seen!" Thank you to all the staff who gave their time to attend the trip. We would also like to extend a big thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to support the enrichment of our pupils. If you are interested in supporting us in these events in future, please [contact the school office](#).

## DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT

[New Era](#) is the holistic Domestic Abuse service operating across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent since 1 October 2018.

Offering help to all those affected by domestic abuse in Staffordshire or Stoke-on-Trent, New Era provides free and confidential support for victims, perpetrators and their families.



## OTHER NEWS

### MENTAL HEALTH AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is meant to be a joyful time but due to a number of reasons, it can also be a stressful time. Visit the [Mind website](#) for support information.

### UNIFORM

Please remember that students need to be in full uniform when they return in January. Smart shoes should also be worn. They should be of a polishable material and should not display any coloured logos. Trainers are not allowed. Boots can be worn in the winter but only when the student is wearing trousers.

If your child is eligible for free school meals or Pupil Premium, you may be entitled to uniform assistance.

You can [apply for free school meals here](#).

### SNACKS

Although children eligible for free school meals do not pay for lunches, snacks and drinks ordered for breaktimes do have to be paid for. You can do this via ParentPay.

#### Breaktime snack items for sale:

- 2 SLICES OF TOAST - £0.50
- PANCAKE - £0.50
- CINNAMON SWIRL - £0.75
- FRUIT POT - £0.75
- YOGHURT WITH GRANOLA - £0.80
- JAM MUFFINS - £0.50
- ½ BUTTERED BAGEL - £0.45
- FULL BUTTERED BAGEL - £0.80
- FLAVOURED WATER 330ml - £1.00
- WATER 330ml - £0.80 WATER 500ml - £1.00
- MILKSHAKES - £0.80
- FRUIT JUICE - £0.75