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**After School Club
Contact Numbers**

**Infant School : 07500 887 982
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Please click below for the latest copy of our School Magazine:
[NHIJS Young Nottinghamian](#)

The Merle

Keep up to date with The Merle (Senior School Newsletter) [here](#)

HOLIDAY CLUB BOOKINGS

Holiday Club bookings for Easter and Summer weeks are now open.

Please remember to book your requirements on Wisepay.

Please see attached for :

- Junior School menus are [here](#)

Abbreviations used throughout:

EYFS = Reception classes IS = Infant School JS = Junior School IJS = Infant & Junior School

MESSAGE FROM MRS BRUCE



Dear Parents and Friends of the School

As we approach the end of another term filled with growth, learning, and festive cheer, I extend warm greetings to you all. The past few months have been marked by numerous achievements, delightful events and a spirit of camaraderie that truly embodies the essence of our School.

Thank you to so many of you who have enjoyed our various Christmas and festive celebrations. The School has been alive with the joyous spirit of the holiday season. From the beautifully decorated classrooms to the heart-warming carol concert, the fabulous Y2 Nativity and the Infant School craft events; our School has truly become a winter wonderland. We extend our gratitude to the dedicated teachers, staff and pupils who have worked tirelessly to create a festive atmosphere for all to enjoy.

However, perhaps the most overwhelming event this term has been the response of the children to the Creativity Club project. The project is designed to allow the Junior School children to respond to a theme, in an approach of their choice and to begin to work independently from adult direction. Over the years, this has elicited many, many exciting enterprises with a wide variety of approaches, driven by each pupil's individual interest. This year, with an aim to connect with our communities, the theme (as you know) was 'Making a Difference'. Although our children always launch themselves into projects with enormous enthusiasm, we have been genuinely overwhelmed by their commitment and by the extent of their response this year.

Collectively, the children have 'Made a Difference' to an amazing array of people, organisations and communities through many wide-ranging schemes; from donations of equipment and toys, to time spent with others, to establishing community groups. However, in chatting to them about their chosen project, it is clear that they have also 'Made a Difference' to themselves. Many of them have learned that in the giving, without any expectation of self-reward, they have in fact enriched themselves! As we are in the business of education for the future, I'd say that this is a tremendous lesson that they (with your help) have taught themselves. We could not be more proud of their achievements or of their appreciation of this aspect.

In drawing the term to a close, I hope that all our staff, parents and pupils are able to take some time over this holiday to relax and celebrate with their families large or small and enjoy each other in moments of calmness. May this festive season bring joy, warmth and precious moments with your loved ones.

On behalf of the entire school family, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Clare Bruce

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JANUARY SNAPSHOT

MON

08

- School Closed for Staff Inset Day

TUE

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- First day of Spring Term

WED

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- Y1 Outdoor Education
- U11 City Zone Football

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- Y4 Maths Workshop

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- U11 City Zone Football

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- U11 City Zone Football

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WEEK AHEAD - W/C 11TH DECEMBER

MONDAY

- School Closed for Staff Inset Day

TUESDAY

- Welcome back to School for the first day of the Spring term

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Make a Move!

On **Tuesday 23rd January**, the Infant School children are going to take part in an exciting design-technology challenge.

The children will discuss what they think 'make a move' means. They will explore a range of materials and use their problem-solving skills to meet their interpretation of the challenge.

We would be grateful if you could hold onto any of the following items over the Christmas period and send them into school when we return after the holidays:

- Boxes of all shapes & sizes
- Plastic bottles
- Bottle tops

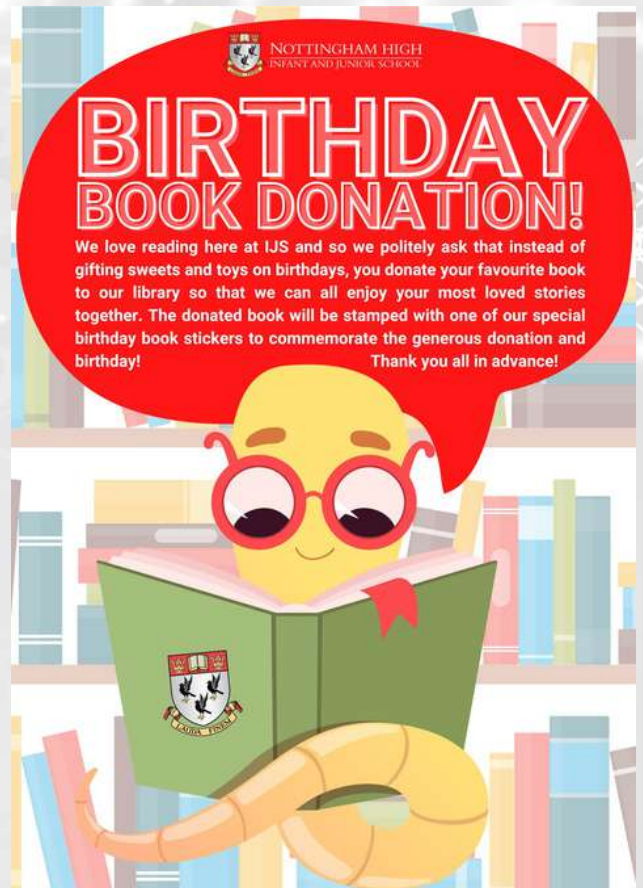
-Cardboard tubes (no toilet roll inserts, please)

(If you have any other materials which could help us with our challenge, please do send them in!)



This activity will promote teamwork and the sharing of resources, as well as provide pupils with the chance to create something in their own design. Children will also practise their joining, sticking and manipulating skills as they work with the materials.

Thank you so much for your support!



JS Carol Concert

Please find attached the video of the Christmas concert :

https://youtu.be/h_oqFuVYbBY

This link is just for you and should not be shared outside of your immediate family and **MUST NOT** be shared on any social media channels.

Whole School Optional Science Christmas Competition

Taking weather photos!

Calling all budding young scientists and photographers...

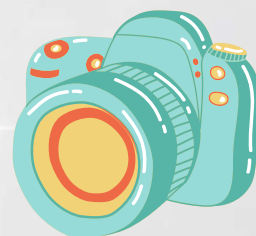
Using an electronic device or digital camera (**make sure you ask your parent's permission first!**) how many different types of weather can you photograph during the Christmas break in December and the start of January before you come back to school? Will it be frosty? Sunny? Rainy? Snowy? Can you make your photo have a Christmas or festive feel to it? Parents can help you with the electronic device and being safe online.

A selection of the best photos and winners will be announced in assembly next term.

Please email your entries with your name and form to miller.ri@nottinghamhigh.co.uk for the Infant School or sethi.gk@nottinghamhigh.co.uk for the Junior School. The deadline for entries is **Friday 12th January 2024**.

We look forward to seeing your amazing photographs of hopefully some beautiful weather this holiday.

Mr Miller (KS1 Science Co-ordinator) &
Mrs Sethi (KS2 Head of Science)



Free Music opportunity!

We have an amazing opportunity for any pupils in Year 4, 5 or 6 who would like to have free group lessons on the trombone!

The group lesson takes place after school on Tuesdays. Trombones will be provided by school. Please get in touch with Mrs Kawalec if your child would like to participate.



INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE

Emma R. R., Carlotta M. and Valentina Z. (2M)
performed at the
'Christmas is Coming - Music for Everyone' event.



Charlie G. (4W) came 2nd in an
ASA swimming gala for his
club (Bramcote SC).



GENERAL NEWS



Check here for a 360 tour of the Wellbeing Centre [here!](#)



'Screensaver' is a Young Enterprise group made up of members of the Sixth Form and featuring some IJS alumni! Their mission is to get children away from the screens and to engage in Maths in a calm and mindful way. Scan the QR code to learn more!

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