



**School closed – Inset day
Tuesday 3rd January**

**Friday 9th
December**

Hello,

School has been immersed in the festive spirit with carol singing, festive door competitions, decorations up and of course Reception's Nativity play!

I have been lucky enough to spend this week in North Norfolk with Year 6 at Hilltop, it has been a thrilling week where our children have done us proud. As always, these experiences would not be possible if it wasn't for the staff who volunteer their time to organize and attend the 24/7 duties of a residential. -- THANK YOU –

Don't forget to check out our festive door competition, see photos further down.
Mrs Samuels

Dates for your diary

- Toy donations due back by Monday 12th December
- Giving tree gifts to be donated by Monday 12th December
- Additional Needs Support Group 12th December 9am
- Rock Steady performance to parents 9:30am Tuesday 13th December
- Christmas lunch Wednesday 14th December
- Last day of school Friday 16th December
- School Opens Wednesday 4th January 2023

Visit our website:

<http://www.pendragon.cambs.sch.uk/website>

The beautiful
thing about
learning is that no
one can take it
away from you.

B.B. King



Please remember that children
are invited to wear non-
uniform/Christmas jumpers on
Wednesday 14th December.



At Pendragon, we follow the county endorsed 'Steps' program for behavior management. This is a nurture based approach which focuses on restorative work rather than punishments.

If there has been an incident in school between another child and your own, we appreciate that some families will want to try and solve issues away from school. However, we strongly advise speaking to school rather than to the parents/other children directly. We will want to investigate the incident and speak with all children/witnesses involved. Although school do not investigate issues that happen outside of school; if there is an issue and you feel it would be useful for school to be made aware, please do contact the class teacher.

For more information on our behavior policy please [click here](#).



With the rise of Winter viruses, we know good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching children how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections. Please read all advice emailed out carefully.

A MASSIVE thank you to all of the parents and staff who volunteered their time to organise and run two brilliant discos. The children had a fab time! Another big shout out to the organisers of the Christmas tree sale, it was a great event.



Huge congratulations to Miss Jupe on her recent engagement!







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**Catch
coughs &
sneezes
in tissue**



**Bin
used
tissues**



**Wash
hands
regularly**



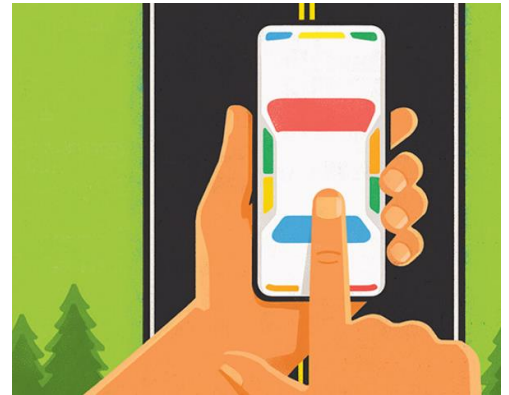
**Stay
home
if unwell**



Safeguarding spotlight

How can I help my child have a safer digital Christmas?

A message from Karl Hopwood (Independent online safety expert): many of us will give or receive gifts which are “connected” for Christmas this year. From a digital camera that immediately streams to YouTube, TikTok or Instagram, to the latest smartphone, online game or Oculus headset, a lot of us will spend time on Christmas day figuring out how to get our latest gadget online and connected to the world wide web. And perhaps that’s the way it should be, over these past few difficult years technology has indeed provided us with a lifeline – a way to keep in touch with family and friends as well as to keep learning and running our businesses and going to work. There are a few simple tips that can be helpful when using tech and trying to get a good balance over the festive period.



It’s a good idea to agree on some tech-free times for everyone (adults included!) mealtimes are a good place to start. Equally, not having technology in the bedroom overnight is a good strategy and will help to ensure that everyone has a better nights sleep without the distraction of a device that is constantly pinging with group messages and notifications throughout the night. Take some time to look into the tools that are available on smartphones, tablets and other devices and ideally set up parental controls by agreeing with your child on what is a sensible approach to content that they can access and time that they can spend. For further information from online safety experts please visit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/how-can-i-help-my-child-have-a-safer-digital-christmas/>



HILL TOP 2022



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Christmas Present Appeal

Be a star and donate a toy to our appeal



You can choose to help The Salvation Army spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift. This year, they are expecting the number of families requesting help to rise as a result of the cost of living crisis.

You can support your local Christmas Present Appeal by donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need.

Please drop your donations into school by Monday 12th December

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now located in our entrance hall with labels of suggested donations for the elderly people at the 'Papworth day care centre'. If you would like to support this we ask that you take a label of a suggested gift and then buy/wrap the gift ensuring you attach the label and **return it to school by Monday 12th December.**

