



3rd December 2021

Re: No sleep (till Christmas!)

Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you safe and well as we fast approach a well-earned and much-longed for break. I have much to report and I do so below under those ghastly sub-headings (my apologies):

Christmas trees

We have our trees up and decorated and what a tonic they are in these tiring and stressful times. I want to publicly thank our parent Mrs Tuffen-Roberts for making this happen and through her Mr Richard Jell who provided the actual timber. The trees are fantastic (pictures have been tweeted) and if you are looking for one for your own home then I heartily recommend them – buy one before the doctors lock up Mr Jell because of his crazy low prices (search for ‘Richard’s Plants’ and the postcode is NN14 2SH).

Christmas Cards

As I mentioned last week, we were overwhelmed by the quality of cards produced in our annual competition. The winners were Ava Thompson (Junior) and Sienna Hart (Senior) with a runners-up awards going to Con Tuffen-Roberts (Junior) and Amelie Wilkins (Senior). I have copied the images at the bottom of this letter and they are splendid. If you are looking to support the school while spreading your Christmas cheer then the cards can be bought from Pitsford Hall (Mrs Smith will write when they are in and their denominations). Well done to everyone who entered and especial congratulations to the students named.

Plays, productions, music, assemblies and services

After the Prime Minister’s dramatic announcement last Saturday about the Omicron variant we have followed Government protocols (as we wrote to you earlier last week) and in that vein we are continuing – albeit with sensible precautions – our packed calendar for the rest of term.

I attended the KS1 nativity yesterday morning with a fine turnout of parents to be blown away by their superb staging of ‘A Miracle in Town’. It was first-class, and the quality of the children’s performances, their singing and dancing, was magnificent. I was especially impressed because as they performed they must have looked over a sea of adults in masks, which would prove difficult even for a hammy old show-off like me. However the KS1 class did not let it get in the way of their craft and they were superb. Well done to all and thanks to Mrs Heard, Mrs Ball, Mrs Bridges, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Streatfield, Mrs Montford, Mr Pink and Mrs Ramakrishnamurthy for the great investment of care and energy to stage the productions. Bravo!

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Next week we have KS2 pantomime which is on Wednesday and Thursday and I know that Mrs Heard has already written to you about the timings and precautions. That will be another superb event and I will see you there.

Into the final week, we have the Christmas Concert on Tuesday 14th December in the Junior Hall and it will include some of the Year 8 drama being put together, as well as a selection of music through the school. Mrs Humphrey will be in touch with more details about that soon.

Finally the whole school is attending a Christmas Service in the Parish Church led by our Governor and Chaplain Reverend Trott. That will be a splendid end to what has been a long and immensely busy term.

Please remember school closes for Christmas on Thursday 16th December 2021 at 12pm.

Pitsford Run

<gulp> The Pitsford Run makes its comeback for Juniors on Monday 10th from 2pm. You can come and watch if you like (wrap up warm) and if you want to do the run let us know and we can find you a slot.

The Seniors will have their run on Tuesday also from 2pm and, again, you are welcome to come and watch (and run).

There will be hot chocolate and sugar in various forms available on both days (funds are being raised for Prostate Cancer UK).

On Tuesday, school will end earlier at 4pm with no activities as the tired and damp runners will need to get home to get warm. Buses will leave on that day at 4.20pm. If anyone has to stay later than that then they will be supervised in the Coffee Shop until collection.

PPA Christmas Fair and Chocolate Tombola

I have little to add to that toothsome sub-heading! Remember our tireless and committed PPA have their Christmas Fair on Saturday 11th December in the school. It runs from 10am until 3pm and everyone in your family has a dream, hand-crafted and made-with-love present for them there just waiting to be bought. Think of the stress you will lose when you solve the present hunt next Saturday!

Also, I am reliably informed that Santa will be around as well, and he will be taking requests (I personally am looking forward to my audience with him (I have booked forty-five minutes on his knee) as, following on from the last few years, I feel I deserve something pretty epic this year). Finally, there is a chocolate tomobola taking place via the Junior School and if anyone in the Seniors would like to donate then please do so – every contribution counts!

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Christmas Jumper Day

When did that properly become a thing? I think the decision (was it a referendum?) may have happened during what I call my 'lost years' (don't ask) as I simply do not remember: one day it was school cardigan and a tangerine, the next everyone had a jumper with Rudolf upon it. Incredible really.

Anyway, this year that day for Pitsford School is 15th December. It is full mufti and a festive jumper is an essential (I am planning on wearing my Superman one, so please no-one clash or I will be mortified). Mrs Care has written to you about the focus in the Senior School and Mrs Heard has done so for the Juniors as well. It should be a fun penultimate day and all for very good causes.

And that brings me to the end of this letter. I hope that you all have a super and safe weekend and speak again next week,

CG Walker



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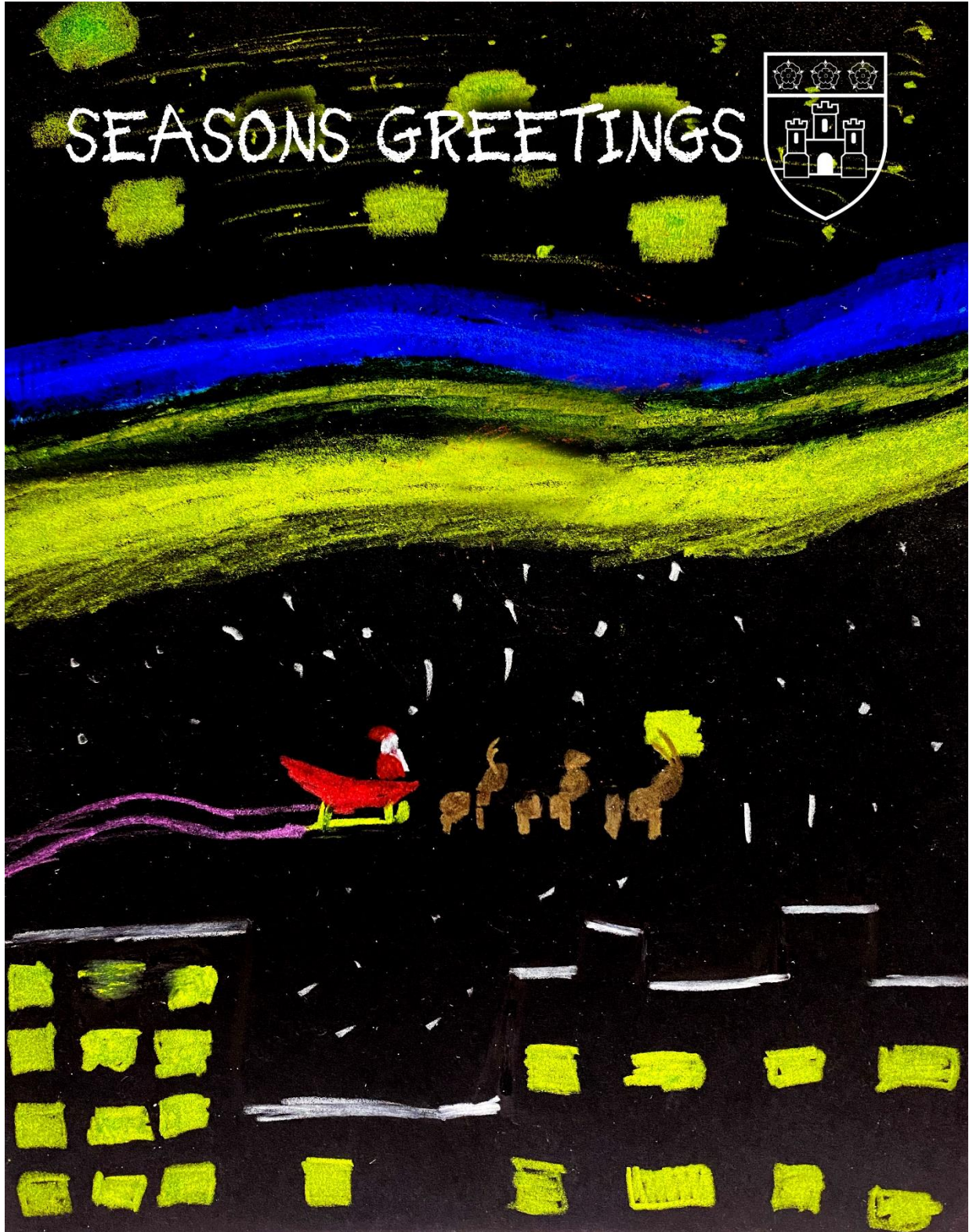




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