

December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Marshland Christmas Update**

With the holidays fast approaching I wanted to update you on our busy Autumn term and to thank you for your continued support.

Our last day of term is Wednesday 20th December 2023 when the school closes to all students at 12.30pm. Lessons continue as normal up until this time and it is important for students to be in school.

For most students, transport will be here for the earlier finish time with the exception of Bus 60 and those students will travel on Bus 46 to Wisbech. Lynx Bus 1 is a service bus with a standard timetable so is unable to arrive early. If your child usually travels on this, we would kindly ask you to make alternative arrangements for this day. If you are unable to arrange collection for your child please email [office@marshlandhigh.co.uk](mailto:office@marshlandhigh.co.uk)

Our staff training day takes place on Wednesday 3rd January and all students return to school on **Thursday 4th January 2024**.

So far this year our students have been taking part in a variety of trips, events and projects. Highlights include: careers guidance, workshops with Cambridge University and the University of East Anglia, confidence building skills with Jon Egging Trust, the Addams Family School Show, RAF STEM team, SEND Coffee Mornings, Rotary Youth Speaks, Trust Chess Tournament and Trust Christmas Concert, live theatre, photography and food trips, and sporting events, among many more. Don't forget you can keep up to date with all the latest news by following us on X (formerly Twitter) – 'Marshlandhs'.

### **Coming Up ....**

**Christmas Jumper Day** takes place tomorrow 8th December, with a minimum £1 donation (via ParentPay) for Save the Children for wearing a Christmas Jumper with their usual school uniform.

**School Christmas Concert** takes place at 6pm until 8pm on Thursday 14th December. Tickets £2 on ParentPay. Consent forms must be returned for anyone performing or providing technical support.

**Free Student Christmas Lunch** for the first time this year, all children have been offered a free Christmas lunch in school. This takes place on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. On Monday morning, personalised vouchers will be issued to students who wish to take up the special lunch to redeem with the kitchen.

Families of children eligible for Free School Meals will have received an EdenRed voucher this week to help with food over the Christmas holidays.



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Please remember, if we have to close the school due to severe weather at any time, the latest information will always be found on the home page of our [website](#), or Norfolk [school closures](#).

### Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Scheme

The [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun \(BNHF\)](#) activity programme is run in partnership with Norfolk County Council, and provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4-16 in Norfolk.

Children eligible for means-tested free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on most activities for those who don't. The next programme will be taking place during the winter holidays on 21-22 December and 2-3 January. The Workshop in King's Lynn will be holding sessions between 10am and 2pm on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 December. Book via the following link:

<https://theworkshop.org.uk/classesandholidayactivities/>

Please remember, if your child is not feeling well due to minor conditions, for example, headache, toothache, period pain etc, they are allowed to bring a single dose of paracetamol/Calpol to take mid-way through the school day. Also, if your child has been prescribed an inhaler, they should bring it to school with them.

We wish all of our families a peaceful and happy Christmas holiday, and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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