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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Prime Minister announced on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 the temporary introduction of new measures as a result of the Omicron variant of Covid-19. These measures are precautionary, while the variant is tracked and assessed.

There is a recommendation on the wearing of face coverings (unless exempt) within schools in communal areas for staff and changes to isolation requirements for confirmed and suspected cases of the Omicron variant and their contacts. Following the Prime Minister's announcement, a letter was supplied to all parents and carers from Waterton Academy Trust, and our school risk assessment has been updated accordingly.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We are taking part in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' again this year. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, we will be donning our fabulously festive Christmas jumpers instead of our school jumpers and cardigans. Pupils donate £1 to wear their Christmas jumper to school for the day. Pupils who do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper should come in full school uniform.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

**Make the world better with a sweater!**

### **Christmas Party**

Christmas Parties will take place in the final week within the children's class bubbles. Instead of bringing party food in as usual, if you would please bring in a £1 donation, staff will shop for party snacks. On their party day, the children may come in non-uniform (but please ensure clothes are sensible and safe for school e.g. no high heels or make up). I will write to confirm specific party days next week.

### **Christmas Dinner – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Please remember to book your child's Christmas dinner online via the Feeding Hungry Minds website.

### **Christmas Movie Night Year 1 to Year 6 – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

To help raise funds for our community group, Friends in Common we are asking for £2.00 per child to watch their chosen film with popcorn and a drink. A letter has been sent home today with further information.

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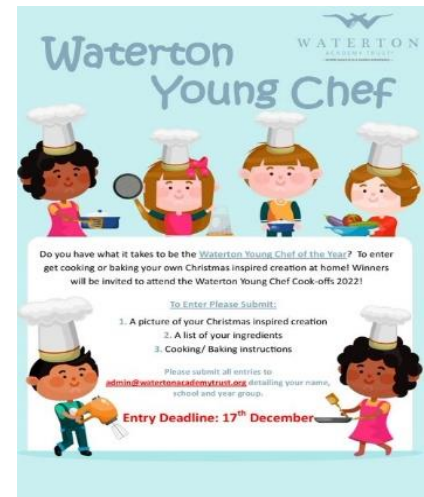
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## Christmas Performances

Please see the 'Upcoming Dates' section for details of the scheduled performances. We would ask for your patience and understanding as we may need to adjust events to ensure the safety of all and in line with our current [Covid-19 Risk Assessment](#). A letter has been sent with guidance around the wearing of face coverings and lateral flow testing – please ensure you read this guidance carefully before attending.

## Children's Parliament Meeting

Io, Keisha and Isla represented Normanton Common Primary Academy at the virtual Children's Parliament meeting on Thursday. Waterton Young Chef competition is running until **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. Please see attached poster.



## Christmas Gifts

Forms have been sent back to Mediastream for those who placed orders and once received will be distributed.

## Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Nursery Christmas performance 9.30am
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Reception Christmas performance 9.30am and 2.15pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am and 2.15pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Christmas Movie Night
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	School Closes – End of Term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	This additional day is in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School Reopens
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Young Voices – Year 5 and 6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	School Closes – Half Term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	KS2 SATS Week

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### Our Attendance Target 96.5%

Congratulations to Robins 1 and Hockney classes for achieving the highest attendance figures this week.

Reception & Key Stage 1			Key Stage 2		
	Attendance	Lates		Attendance	Lates
Robins 1 (Reception)	98.96%	2	Tomlinson Class (Y3)	93.21%	2
Robins 2 (Reception)	94.17%	0	Brownlee Class (Y3/4)	95.45%	0
Hepworth Class (Y1)	96.65%	1	Adams Class (Y4)	93.79%	4
Waterton Class (Y1/2)	98.61%	3	Bronte Class (Y5)	91.15%	2
Sharman Class (Y2)	94.41%	1	Cook Class (Y5/6)	98.60%	1
			Hockney Class (Y6)	100%	1

School attendance for the week is 95.90% which is below our attendance target.

Please report any absences by leaving a message **with a detailed reason for absence** (we cannot accept "unwell" or "feeling poorly") on 01924 890576 (option 1) before 9am or alternatively email [NCPAattendance@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:NCPAattendance@watertonacademytrust.org)

Yours sincerely,

A Riby - Head of School

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**Wellbeing Spotlight – Still Method**



**10 TIPS FOR CALMER SCHOOL MORNINGS**

- Wake your child up in a positive happy mood** (Sun icon)
- Have a filling breakfast** (Breakfast bowl icon)
- Don't go to bed late the night before school** (Moon and ZZZ icon)
- Don't lay in, wake up in lots of time** (Alarm clock and bed icon)
- Get school uniform out ready the evening before** (School uniform icon)
- Pack school bag the evening before** (School bag icon)
- Play uplifting music e.g. Lovely Day, Wake up Boo, Here comes the sun** (Musical notes icon)
- Make sure you give yourself enough time in the mornings, so you don't feel stressed** (Alarm clock icon)
- Prepare your child's lunchbox the night before** (Lunchbox icon)
- Walk to school** (School building icon)

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