



Christmas at FKS December 2011

Dear Parents,

The arrangements for the Christmas activities at FKS this year are as follows:

CAROL SERVICES

Andrews House Carol Service/Nativity will take place on **Tuesday 6th December at 2.00pm in the Memorial Hall**. May we remind parents that, due to capacity issues, seating will be limited to 2 seats per child for this year only. At the end of the service, the children will return to Andrews House where they can be collected by parents. If parents are unable to attend on this day, there will be a small number of extra seats available at the second performance, which is at 11am on Wednesday 7th December. This is primarily for the reception intake of 2012 and their parents, along with Edwards House children and staff. As you are aware, there is a limited capacity in the Memorial Hall and therefore we would ask that it is only any parents who cannot attend on the Tuesday that request these seats. We are sorry if this causes any disappointment to Grandparents or other family members this year. If you would like to attend the second performance, please contact the school office who will inform you whether there is still some availability. You do not need to inform us if you will be intending the main Tuesday performance.

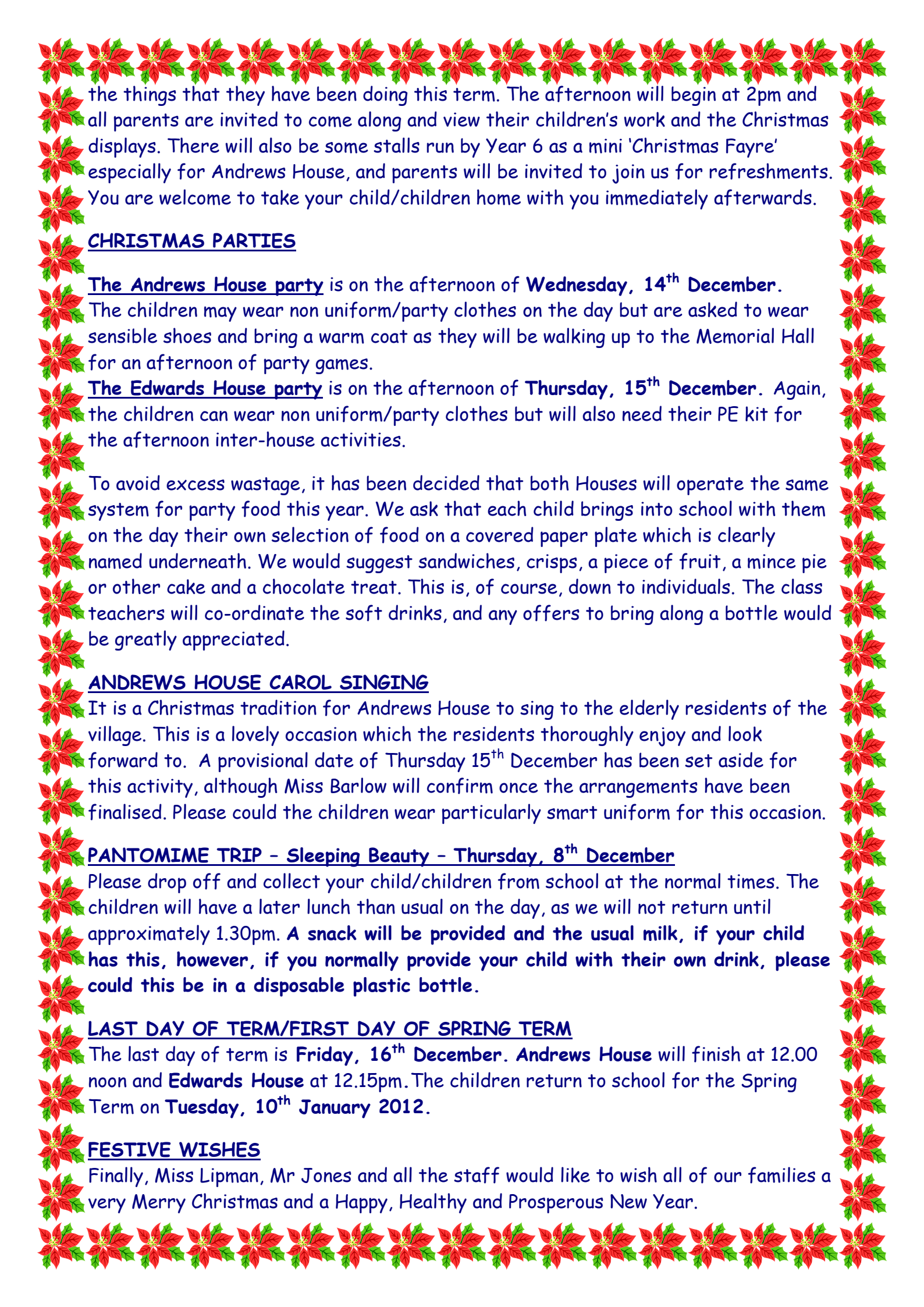
Edwards House Carol Service is on **Wednesday 14th December at 7.00pm in the Felsted School Chapel in Stebbing Road**.

There will be some reserved seating for Year 6 parents, limited to 2 per child. If Grandparents or other family members also wish to attend then we ask that they please take up seats in the unreserved areas.

If your child plays in the orchestra they must remember to take their instrument home on Wednesday afternoon. They should then arrive at the chapel at 6.30pm. This is important as they will then have a 'warm-up' session before the service. All other children should arrive at Andrews House at 6.30pm and Year 3 pupils are asked to arrive in costume please. The teachers will be there to greet them and will escort them across to the chapel. At the end of the Carol Service all the children will return to Andrews House. Can we please ask parents to enter Andrews House through the Hall doors (located in the playground), collect their children from the class teacher and leave through the front door. This should then relieve congestion.

ANDREWS HOUSE OPEN AFTERNOON - Friday, 9th December

The children of Andrews House are very much looking forward to showing you all of



the things that they have been doing this term. The afternoon will begin at 2pm and all parents are invited to come along and view their children's work and the Christmas displays. There will also be some stalls run by Year 6 as a mini 'Christmas Fayre' especially for Andrews House, and parents will be invited to join us for refreshments. You are welcome to take your child/children home with you immediately afterwards.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Andrews House party is on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 14th December**.

The children may wear non uniform/party clothes on the day but are asked to wear sensible shoes and bring a warm coat as they will be walking up to the Memorial Hall for an afternoon of party games.

The Edwards House party is on the afternoon of **Thursday, 15th December**. Again, the children can wear non uniform/party clothes but will also need their PE kit for the afternoon inter-house activities.

To avoid excess wastage, it has been decided that both Houses will operate the same system for party food this year. We ask that each child brings into school with them on the day their own selection of food on a covered paper plate which is clearly named underneath. We would suggest sandwiches, crisps, a piece of fruit, a mince pie or other cake and a chocolate treat. This is, of course, down to individuals. The class teachers will co-ordinate the soft drinks, and any offers to bring along a bottle would be greatly appreciated.

ANDREWS HOUSE CAROL SINGING

It is a Christmas tradition for Andrews House to sing to the elderly residents of the village. This is a lovely occasion which the residents thoroughly enjoy and look forward to. A provisional date of Thursday 15th December has been set aside for this activity, although Miss Barlow will confirm once the arrangements have been finalised. Please could the children wear particularly smart uniform for this occasion.

PANTOMIME TRIP - Sleeping Beauty - Thursday, 8th December

Please drop off and collect your child/children from school at the normal times. The children will have a later lunch than usual on the day, as we will not return until approximately 1.30pm. **A snack will be provided and the usual milk, if your child has this, however, if you normally provide your child with their own drink, please could this be in a disposable plastic bottle.**

LAST DAY OF TERM/FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM

The last day of term is **Friday, 16th December**. **Andrews House** will finish at 12.00 noon and **Edwards House** at 12.15pm. The children return to school for the Spring Term on **Tuesday, 10th January 2012**.

FESTIVE WISHES

Finally, Miss Lipman, Mr Jones and all the staff would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.