



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank you for all your kind donations over recent weeks. This edition of the Acorn highlights the generosity of our families and your kindness is really appreciated. We also have much to celebrate and we are really proud of all the achievements that our pupils have been involved with. The children are enjoying watching the dress rehearsals in each key stage and we are excited to share these performances with you over the coming week. We have a lovely end to the term planned with our trip to the pantomime, school Christingle event, party day and visit to the church in the last three days of term.

Kind regards
Holly Marchand, Headteacher

Salvation Army Toy Appeal

Thank you so much to all of you who donated toys for the Salvation Army Christmas toy appeal.

The picture shows a sample of some of the wonderful gifts donated. These have now been collected by the Salvation Army.



Christmas Jumper Day Save the Children Appeal

Thank you to those of you who donated £1 for your child to wear their Christmas jumper in aid of Save the Children. If you have yet to make your donation, please feel free to drop it in to the school office.

Year 5/6 Dance Club

To mark the end of their dance sessions for this term, the pupils in the Y5/6 dance club performed their Christmas routine to "Rockin' Robin" to their parents. Thank you to Kate Garwood and all the children for their superb performance.



Christmas Foodbank



Thank you for your generous donations for the Waveney Foodbank, which will be distributed to local families in most need.

Hungate Christmas Tree Festival



We were delighted to hear that our tree was voted the most popular in the children's section of the Hungate Tree Festival with 536 votes!

Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 pupils who made the decorations, Kate Garwood for her time and inspiration, and to all the parents, children and friends of the school who voted for our tree.



Sizewell Powerup Final

Following on from the workshops that we had in school for all Year 5/6 pupils, on Monday 27th November, 12 children from Year 5/6 went to the Energy and Skills Centre in Lowestoft to compete in the PowerUp Finals. The children competed against other local schools to design a crane which would move from one location to another in order to lift a fuel safety rod safely.

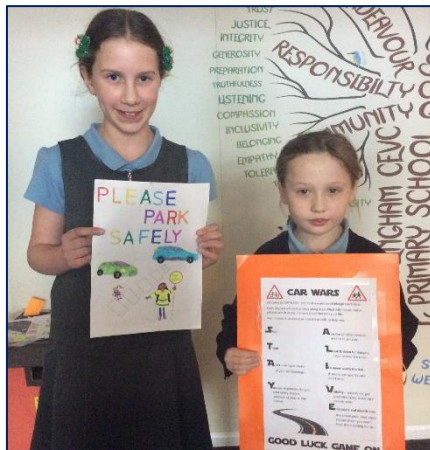


The competition was challenging and there were many fantastic designs from all of the children. After a strict judging session, which included an explanation from each pair, the winning design was announced.

Congratulations were given to Worlingham as our school produced the overall winning idea. As a school, we received some construction kits for our pupils and a stunning glass trophy. The triumphant pair were also given their own set of materials to take home. The children's behaviour was exemplary throughout and all enjoyed the event. Well done to all of those who took part.

Junior Road Safety Competition

Thank you for all the entries that we received for the two competitions which were organised by the Junior Road Safety Officers recently. These were judged by our four officers, working with Mr Brown, and small prizes were given out to the winners and runners up. The theme of the first competition was 'Being seen' as it is now dark much earlier in the day. The focus of the second competition was on safe and considerate parking. We hope to share these posters with you and the aim is to keep everyone safe when out and about on the roads and pavements. Please can we remind adults to park considerately and safely, ensuring that driveways for local residents are not blocked and cars do not park too close to junctions.



Message of Thanks received from Co-op Funeralcare in Beccles

We are exceptionally grateful to the school, Mrs Stannard, Mrs Hart and the wonderful help of the Wagtails class who very kindly and patiently packaged up the forget me not seeds into envelopes to support Grief Awareness Week. These envelopes were passed to our local Co-op Funeralcare branch in Beccles, where they're ready and waiting for people passing to collect and plant to produce blue remembrance flowers for their loved one as well as hang a memory on the accompanying memory tree.

We couldn't be more thankful for the thoughtfulness shown by the Wagtails class and the school for supporting this idea. This act of kindness will go on to support the community, so thank you for your help with this task.



Squirrels Christmas Fete

On Friday 15th December, Mrs Buckingham, along with the Squirrels after school club, have organised an exciting Christmas fete from 3.15pm. The Friends of the School will also be supporting this event by serving refreshments and selling cakes and snacks. In addition, we have had some items donated from Co-op Funeralcare, Beccles, that we are planning to raffle.

Other stalls will include: a teddy tombola; guess the number of sweets in the jar; Rudolph's nose game; win a Christmas cake; name the penguin; highest score wins game; ping-pong roll game; and a raffle.

We would be very grateful for any further donations of raffle prizes, particularly those suitable for children. In addition, any bought or made cakes would be greatly appreciated on the day, for the refreshment sale.

We will also put out our preloved uniform at this event.

The Christmas fete will take place in the hall after school and we would love to see you there if you can make it.



The Children's Society

On Tuesday 19th December, we will be holding our own Christingle service in school for pupils.

The children will be making collection boxes in school and bringing them home to fill with pennies and donations where possible. We will forward any money collected on to the Children's Society, who have kindly provided some of the resources for us.



Thank you for your generous donations for the Poppy Appeal. We raised a magnificent £453.82.

Christmas Post Box

The children's post box is now open. The last day of posting will be Friday 15th December. After that, the post box will be closed.

Please make sure envelopes are clearly marked with the recipient's full name and class!



Christmas Party Day and Party Menu

The children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for their party day on Tuesday 19th December. At lunchtime the kitchen will serve:

*Selection of Sandwiches
Cocktail Sausages
Chicken Nuggets
Carrot/Cucumber Sticks
Shortbread Biscuit*



Walk to Church

We will be walking to the church for our Christmas Open the Book service on Wednesday 20th December.

Please ensure your child has a warm coat.



Squirrels After School Club

Please note that on the last day of term, Wednesday 20th December, the Squirrels after school club will close at 4.00pm.

Diary Dates

Mon 11th Dec – Y3/4 performance 2.00pm and 5.30pm
Tues 12th Dec – Y1/2 performance 2.00pm and 5.30pm
Wed 13th Dec – EYFS performance 10.00am and 2.00pm
Thur 14th Dec – Y5/6 performance 2.00pm and 5.30pm
Fri 15th Dec – Squirrels Christmas fete 3.15pm
Mon 18th Dec – Whole school visit to the Pantomime
Tue 19th Dec – Christingle service
Tues 19th Dec – Christmas party day
Wed 20th Dec – Last day of term/visit to church
Wed 3rd Jan – PD day
Thur 4th Jan – First day of spring term

Mon 19th Feb – Half term week
Fri 8th Mar – World Book Day
Mon 15th April – First day of summer term
Mon 13th May – Y6 SATS week
Mon 20th May – Science week
Tues 21st May – Class and Leavers' photos
Mon 27th May – Half term week
Thur 27th June – Sports day
Thur 4th July – Reserve sports day
Tues 9th July – Y6 production
Thur 11th July – Y6 production
Tues 16th July – Y6 last day
Wed 17th July – Y6 transition day at SJLHS
Thur 18th July – Y6 transition day at SJLHS
Fri 19th July – Y6 transition day at SJLHS/
Last day of term