



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow



Dear Parents and Carers
We have enjoyed a fantastic time in school leading up to the end of term. The Christmas performances were absolutely brilliant and the children enjoyed taking part in them. The Friends of School organised a Christmas raffle for each of the nine performances and they raised over £1460 – thank you very much to the FOS and our families for supporting them.



On Monday, we enjoyed the opportunity to watch a live theatre performance at Beccles Public Hall as we went to see the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

The school kitchen has served both a delicious Christmas lunch and also a party menu over the last two weeks. Both of these special lunches were popular and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to our kitchen staff for putting on these festive menus.



Yesterday, we ended the term with a magical Christingle service. We lit around 60 candles, around the hall, and the children sang a range of beautiful Christmas songs. They also found out more about Christingle and why it is important to Christians. Thank you for any donations that were sent into school in the Christingle boxes; these will be sent to the Children's Society.

We also really appreciate the donations given from both Morrisons and Tesco.

Thank you to Mrs Buckingham and the Squirrels team, and everyone who supported their Christmas Fete, raising £242. Thank you to the Friends of School for serving refreshments and to the parents for donating raffle prizes and gifts.



After the Christingle service, all children had a party session led by Knockout Entertainment. The children had a superb time. During the party day, we were very lucky to receive a visit from Father Christmas, who visited with some special elf helpers to deliver a Christmas present to every child. Thank you to the Friends of the School for their help in organising this seasonal visit.

We wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and send best wishes for a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th January.

Kind regards,
Holly Marchand

Year 3/4 Stone Age Day

This week, LKS2 enjoyed Stone Age Day, which included an exciting visit from the Prehistoric Experiences Team. During the day, the children took part in a range of activities including creating cave drawings, making salt dough teeth and bones for a piece of jewellery, composing stone age themed music and an interactive stone age life game.



The children journeyed into the Stone Age by entering a tent pitched on our field, where there were various pictures and artefacts, as well as two very enthusiastic visitors, Scuff and Twig, who told us so much about prehistoric life. They also cooked us a fish which we were able to try.

Thank you to Mrs Jennings for organising this event and all of the LKS2 team for their hard work in making the day such a success and so enjoyable for all the children.

Visit from the Blue Cross

On 27th November, we welcomed Paul, from the Blue Cross Animal Charity, to lead an assembly on dog safety and how to show kindness to dogs. The assembly was very engaging and the children learnt about the 3 C's; Check, Call, Count; Checking with the owner to make sure it's ok to greet their dog, Calling the dog and Counting three strokes on the dog's shoulder.

If you would like to find out more, please follow this link:

<https://www.bluecross.org.uk/advice/dog/behaviour-and-training/be-safe-with-dogs>



Jack and the Beanstalk

On Monday 18th December, the children visited the Public Hall in Beccles to watch a pantomime performance of Jack and the Beanstalk.



The children, staff and volunteers thoroughly enjoyed the show and we would like to thank the theatre for making it such a special experience leading up to Christmas, and the Friends of School who generously contributed to make this experience affordable for families at this time of year.

Diary Dates

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 - SJLHS
Thur 18th July – Y6 transition day - SJLHS
Fri 19th July – Y6 transition day - SJLHS/ Last day of term