



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome so many Year 5 and 6 parents and carers into school for our reading event yesterday morning. We hope that you found it useful and enjoyable. Thank you for your feedback on this event.

We have had a busy few weeks with sports tournaments and also an exciting trip to Norwich Castle for children in Years 3 and 4. We are always so proud of the way in which our pupils conduct themselves when they are out representing our school.

It has been delightful to hear the children singing and practising their Christmas performances. We look forward to sharing these with you soon. If you haven't already done so, please remember to request your seats for these performances in accordance with the letter sent by ParentMail.

As we are heading towards Christmas we are also looking forward to many other special events in school including our trip to the pantomime, Christmas lunch and jumper day, Christingle event and party day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
Holly Marchand, Headteacher

Year 1/2 Gymnastics Festival



On Monday 18th November, a group of Y1/2 pupils enjoyed taking part in a gymnastics festival at the Waveney Gymnastics Club, along with children from other local schools.



Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew



On Thursday 21st November, our Year 6 pupils went to Crucial Crew, where they learnt all about how to keep themselves safe. They took part in 8 activities, relating to different aspects of life. These included; drug and alcohol awareness, with Turning point (Lowestoft); Beach Safety with Lowestoft Lifeguard Volunteers; What Would You Do? With St John's Ambulance; Money Matters with the illegal money lending team; River and water safety with Oulton Broad Watersports Centre; Online safety with Suffolk Constabulary; Fire Safety with the Suffolk Fire Service; and finally Truck Safety with a local haulage company. The children had a great time whilst learning about safety, and were a credit to our school with engagement and behaviour.

Year 4 Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday 19th November, a group of Year 4 children took part in a Basketball Festival at the Sir John Leman High School. The event involved taking part in a carousel of activities, including shooting, dribbling, passing and mini-games. The children were active for almost 2 hours, and their skills and confidence improved throughout.



Thank you to the children for their excellent behaviour and engagement!

Year 1/2 Social and Literacy Festival

On Wednesday 27th November, a group of Year 1 and 2 children attended a social and literacy festival at Water Lane in Lowestoft. They participated in a range of physical activities, which required them to use their reading, writing and oracy skills. The children's behaviour was exemplary, with each child demonstrating the Worlingham Way.



Year 3/4 Trip to Norwich Castle



On Thursday 27th November, Year 3 and 4 went on a historical school trip to Norwich Castle, to learn and explore Anglo-Saxon and Viking life. The children took part in four activities, led by Anglo-Saxon characters, including a storytelling drama session, an artefacts exploration session, an archaeological session and a brooch making session. The children had a great time exploring and were fully engaged, well done everyone!



Christmas Reminders



Christmas Foodbank

We are all aware that recent months have been a really tough time for all of us, and some more so than others. We will be holding a Christmas Foodbank Collection on Friday 13th December.

The Foodbank are asking for donations of:
Tinned vegetables, tinned meats (e.g. corned beef, tinned ham), tinned tomatoes, microwave puddings, bags of sweets for the children or any other long life products.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



On Tuesday 17th December, we will be holding our own Christingle service in school for pupils. If you have any spare change (pennies, etc) which your child could bring in to donate, we will forward this on to the Children's Society, who have kindly provided some of the resources for us.

Christmas Performances

We have sent out letters this week inviting you to reserve seats for the following performances.

Please submit your seating request by 1st December.

Monday 9th December – Y3/4 Performance 2.00pm
Monday 9th December – Y3/4 Performance 5.30pm
Tuesday 10th December – Y1/2 Performance 2.00pm
Tuesday 10th December – Y1/2 Performance 5.30pm
Wednesday 11th December – EYFS Performance 10.00am
Wednesday 11th December – EYFS Performance 2.00pm
Thursday 12th December – Y5/6 Performance 10.00am
Thursday 12th December – Y5/6 Performance 2.00pm
Thursday 12th December – Y5/6 Performance 5.30pm



PANTOMIME

We are delighted to be taking the whole school to the Peter Pan Pantomime at Beccles Public Hall, on Thursday 19th December. There will be a lower school and then an upper school visit.

The Friends of School have generously agreed to subsidise this visit by paying £5 out of the total cost of £14 for each pupil.

Further details can be found in the letter sent home on 21st October.

If you haven't already done so, please return the permission form and payment.

Christmas Post Box

From Friday 6th December, the children will be able to post cards in our Christmas post box.

The last day of posting will be Monday 16th 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 Dinner Menu



On Thursday 5th December, the children are invited to enjoy a Christmas dinner, comprising:

*Roast Turkey with Stuffing
Chipolata Sausage, Yorkshire
Pudding & Gravy
Or Roasted Quorn Sausage & Gravy
Served with Roast Potatoes,
Carrots, Sprouts and Peas
Chocolate Fudge Cake*

Please note on this day there will be no jacket potato/picnic option - there will be Christmas dinner or packed lunch from home only. There will also be no tuck shop on this day.

Christmas Party Day and Party Menu

The children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for their party day on Wednesday 18th December.

At lunchtime the kitchen will serve:

*Selection of Sandwiches
Cocktail Sausages
Sausage Rolls
Carrot/Cucumber Sticks
Shortbread Biscuit*



We are holding a Christmas jumper day on Thursday 5th December in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.00 per child. All the money raised will go to the Save the Children charity.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



HUNGATE CHURCH
BECCLES

NOV. 29th – DEC. 1st

FRIDAY 10 am - 12 noon
4 pm - 9.00 pm

SATURDAY 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

SUNDAY 12.30pm - 4.30 pm

ENTRANCE £2

Free for accompanied children

Refreshments in The Stable Cafe

We would love you to visit the Hungate Christmas Tree festival between 29th November and 1st December, and vote for our amazing tree.

The decorations have been made by all our pupils. Thank you to the Friends of School for organising this.

Year 5/6 Share Activity

On Thursday 27th November, the Year 5 and 6 children welcomed parents and carers to school to work on a range of reading based activities together. Venues including the ICT suite, school library and classrooms were witness to a host of tasks which engaged adults and children to complete different reading challenges. Whether it was solving clues in the library; generating text and images using A.I.; creating the next graphic novel; being drawn into the world of Ted Hughes' animal poetry or creating an image based on visual literacy, each task enabled the children and adults to share the power of the written word. An excellent time was had by all and it was a pleasure to see all of the children engaged in their learning. Thank you for supporting this event.



Visit from the Blue Cross

On 26th November, we welcomed Paul, a volunteer with the Blue Cross Animal Charity, to talk to our KS1 children about dog safety and how to show kindness to dogs.

The visit 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.

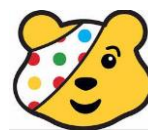


Squirrels / FOS Christmas Fete

The Squirrels team, and the Friends of School, will be holding a Christmas fete at 3.15pm on Friday 13th December. They would be grateful for donations of raffle prizes and clean, good condition teddies for the tombola.



Thank you to those of you who donated towards this year's Poppy Appeal. We raised a magnificent £401.



Thank you for your donations towards the Children in Need appeal. Our non-uniform donations and sale of merchandise raised a fantastic £305.

Christmas Calendar

Thu 5 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thu 5 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 6 th Dec	FOS Meeting – 1.30
Mon 9 th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Production – 2.00/5.30
Tue 10 th Dec	Y1/2 Christmas Production – 2.00/5.30
Wed 11 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Production – 10.00/2.00
Thu 12 th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Production – 10.00/2.00/5.30
Fri 13 th Dec	Christmas Foodbank Collection
Fri 13 th Dec	FOS/Squirrels Christmas Fete – 3.15
Tue 17 th Dec	Christingle Service
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas Party Day
Thu 19 th Dec	Pantomime – Whole School
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term / Walk to Church
Tue 7 th Jan	First day of Spring term

Walk to Church

We will be walking to the church for our Christmas Open the Book service on Friday 20th December. Please ensure your child has a warm coat.

Squirrels After School Club

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

