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# Newsletter October 2016



## **Harvest Festival** At St Margaret's, Lyng Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9.45am All Welcome. If you are able to help in walking the children to and from the church, please see your child's class teacher Harvest Gifts of fruit, veg, flowers or groceries would be most welcome. The children bring these to the school on the morning of the service to be displayed in the church for our Harvest Festival Macmillan Coffee Morning .. A great success! A marvellous total of 303.00 was raised at the coffee morning – Our best ever total! Thank you to everyone who attended, gave help to run the event, as well everyone who generously gave their time to bake delicious cakes to sell on the day- there was so much to choose from! All the money raised has now been sent to Macmillan Cancer Care. The children enjoyed having a drink and a cake together with their families and friends. **Class Assemblies** This term each class will be leading an assembly. This is a presentation of their learning during

the term, and an opportunity for parents to share in this, as well as be part of our weekly 'celebration assembly.' We hope you can come along!

All these assemblies take place after drop in Friday in the school hall, starting at 9.10am, taking approximately 30 minutes.

Cherry – 4 November ; Oak 11 November ; Willow –25 November ; Rowan - 2 December

Please do not take photographs/ film at these events.

#### New classroom

Our new classroom is now 'up 'n' running' - Oak class are really enjoying being in their new room, reporting 'more space' and 'calm'. Rowan class have moved into the previous Oak classroom, and Rowan's old class is gradually being transformed into our new library, with additional workspace. The old library is now a good sized group room and meeting room.

### Our Values

After half term we will be learning about Compassion. Children will be learning about compassion as caring, empathy, noticing a need, and being a good neighbour, having the courage to care, and coming to the rescue. We will consider quotes and questions, such as from Anne Frank's diary- "No one has ever become poor by giving", and Jesus' story of The good Samaritan.



<u>Uniform:</u> Please ensure that children have the right clothing. It is getting colder and all children should have their school sweatshirt and a coat they can wear for outdoor play- we go outside whenever possible.

We have a growing collection of <u>lost property</u>, the box which is located in the main corridor- is full of unnamed items. Please check that all your child's uniform and PE KIT is named.

*Coming soon!* Soon after half term, we will be getting a new Activity Trail in the school playground- this will be a range of timber equipment for the children to use at playtime, and is designed to help children practise their balance, agility and coordination... and have fun at the same time! Many School Council discussions have taken place in meetings and with their classes after it was agreed that more playtime activity was something the children wanted. Last year's School Council members were able to agree the final design. The funds they have raised and saved will be used to pay for the 'log roll' which was their first choice of equipment.

Inhalers in school.



We do not administer medicines to pupils unless they have been prescribed by your child's doctor.

If your child uses an inhaler, you need to provide the school with a spare one to keep in school at all times. The school requires parents/carers to complete a form, providing details of use in school. Please speak to Mrs Titchiner if you haven't completed one this school year.

#### **Diary Dates:**

Parent Consultation Evenings - Dates and letters have already been distributed. Please ensure you book a time to speak to your child's class teacher. This is an important opportunity to find out about your child's attainment so far and targets for the next half term. 17 October - Science Week -Class learning with a Science theme 19 October - TAG rugby festival - Primary Schools Cluster Event 31 October - Science Quiz at Reepham High - A group of Oak pupils taking part 9 November – Oak Class Visit – WWII Home Front Day at Gressenhall Museum. 14 November – Story Telling Project, Tom and the Trolls – Challenging Bullying topic. (all classes) 18 November- Play in A Day - anti bullying - Oak class- 2.40pm - performance to parents Children In Need - don't forget your donation for Children in Need - we will be making a Pudsey with our coins in the hall! (8.30 am-8.55am) 22 November - Year5/6 Tag rugby festival 23 November - Mufti day... bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre Tombola 30 November – Flu vaccinations for Year 1,2,3 2 December - Christmas Fayre Term dates: The last day of this half term is Friday 21 October. Children are back to school on the 31 October Autumn Term – last day is Friday 19 December, Back to school on Tuesday 6 January For those of you planning ahead for a holiday, the 2016-17 County council school calendar is available on the Lyng school website. This gives the school closure dates.