



NEWSLETTER

December 2016



Christmas Nativity Performances

It was so good to see many parents, family members and visitors joining us for our Nativity Services this week.

The children performed the songs, readings and nativity beautifully.

A big well done to all the children for a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story!

Cherry Class treated us to a nativity story with singing and storytelling. It was lovely to see them all joining in for their first presentation – Well Done!

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was another success this year. Huge thanks must go FOLS who organised everything! It is always a huge task.

This year, we also thank the Eco Team for putting together a range of craft activities. These proved popular with the children this year. The total is not quite finalised, but the amount raised is around £2000, which is one of the best ever!! Thank you to all those who supported the event.



Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

The children can wear their Christmas jumper on Friday 16th for a £1 donation.

Christmas jumpers only please (this day is not a mufti non uniform day).



Christmas Party

The children in Cherry and Willow classes may, if wished, bring 'party clothes' to school to put on after lunch on Friday 16th December. Otherwise, their Christmas jumpers will be fine!!

Termly Report

In previous Parent Questionnaires, a number of parents have indicated that they would like more information about how well their child is achieving in school. As a result, this year we have introduced a Termly Report for your child, which you will receive on Thursday. This informs you of your child's current achievement so far this term and next steps for the new term. We hope you find it helpful in knowing how well your child is achieving as the year progresses– please let us know, as your feedback would be valuable.

We hope you have found the workshops helpful too- so far we have had a Reading Workshop for Willow and a Phonics Workshop for Cherry parents.

A further Reading Workshop for Rowan and Oak parents will be held on Friday 13 January ,after Drop In –Please return your slip if you can attend and haven't yet replied.

Recent Successes

Christmas Card competition Congratulations to Dylan in Year 6 whose Christmas Card Design was Highly Commended in a recent competition organised by local MP George Freeman. Many schools took part, so Dylan did extremely well to be a finalist! Dylan's design entitled 'Houses of Parliament' has been included on the MP's Christmas card, which is sent out to around 1000 people. All of Oak class took part and received a letter each, thanking them for their designs. Dylan received a letter, a copy of the card and a £10 book token from the MP.

Year 3 / 4 Football tournament – At the recent Reepham Schools Tournament, the team played very well – some outstanding football reported , especially the girls' team!

A mention goes to Heidi in Year 4 who was awarded the 'Sportasaurus Overall Contribution Winner' – a real achievement when 7 schools and over 70 children took part!

Year 5/6 Sportshall tournament - Organised by the West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership (WNDSSP), many teams took part. The team from Lyng beat off the competition and were the WINNERS! The team will now be entered for the County Finals ! This is a super achievement for the mixed team of boys and girls.

School Games Award - Matt from the WNDSSP presented our SCHOOL GAMES SILVER AWARD last week , in recognition of all the Sports participation we have at Lyng. This is an excellent achievement for a small school!



Our Values

Next half term we will be learning about **Courage**. Children will be learning about courage as : stepping out of your comfort zone; facing challenges and overcoming fear.

We will consider questions such as 'Have you ever overcome your fears and achieved something you are proud of?' Does being courageous mean you are not scared?



100% ATTENDANCE!

We have 38 children with 100% attendance this term ...
FANTASTIC and WELL DONE to all of those children!



The Mousekateers have visited all the classes this term!
Our whole school attendance for the term is 97.6%

NOTES

Lost Property – we still have a huge pile! Please come and check if your child has lost something. The holiday is a good time to check that your child has everything named ready for the start of term.

Nuts in Foods – Please do not send your child with peanut butter or nut snacks for lunch. We have been made aware that this message has been omitted from our current brochure .

Outdoor Play and PE.- We want to be able to offer children the opportunity to play on the field at this time of year. If your child can bring a pair of (clearly named) wellies to change into, then they will be permitted onto the field at break and lunchtimes. This will start in the new term.

Unless it is raining, we usually try and have PE and sports clubs outside. PE kit can get quite muddy if the class goes onto the field, so please be prepared for this.

Dates for your Diary

13 January Reading Workshop for parents with children in Key Stage 2 (Rowan and Oak)

7 February Safer Internet Day

10 February – Cross Country County Finals – 3 Lyng pupils attending

24 February – Author visit to Cherry and Willow classes

2 March – World Book Day – Dress up as a favourite book character

3 March – Norfolk School Games – County Finals Sportshall Athletics – Lyng team attending

13- 17 February – Half term week . School reopens Monday 20 February

3 April - 17 April – Easter holidays . School reopens Tuesday 18 April

We wish all our families a joyful Christmas

