



# NEWSLETTER

December 2017



## Christmas Nativity Performances

We enjoyed two wonderful nativity performance this year from all the children, entitled 'Rock around the Flock'. We were joined by the Reverend Helen.

The children performed the songs – all without words, readings and nativity beautifully.

A big well done to all the children and staff for a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story! It was great to see so many parents/carers and family members coming along to share in our Christmas celebrations.

Don't forget the Christingle service at St Margaret's on Christmas eve at 4pm. If your child would like to be a reader at this event, please contact Reverend Helen.

## FOLS Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making the fair a success this year. It is always a lot of effort to put it all together, as well as organise and run things on the night.

To everyone who donated items and attended, and to Mr Fish for delivering the Christmas Tree- and of course to Santa for paying a visit- thank you!

Thank you also to pupils from the Eco Team and School Council who put together the crafts and games activities, and well done to the children who won the prizes in the games.

We are awaiting the final total and so will let you know soon!



## Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

The children can wear their Christmas jumper on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> for a £1 donation.

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



## Christmas Party

The children in Willow class may, if wished, bring 'party clothes' to school to put on after lunch on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. For all other children, their Christmas jumpers will be fine on Tuesday!!

FOLs would love to have some new faces to help generate new fundraising ideas, be on the committee, or offers of help for their various activities. Please get in touch via their Facebook link on the school website.

## Children's learning

For those of you who were able to attend our curriculum workshops this term, we hope you found them helpful in learning about the maths curriculum and how you can support at home.

On Friday 2 February there will be a further workshop, focussing on Growth Mindset. This is an approach we have been using with the children to support their learning, with positive results. This will take place after Drop In and will run for approximately 45minutes.

## Termly Report

This term's Achievement report for your child will be sent home on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is to give you a summary of how well your child is achieving and what they need to do to improve. We find that with the right help from home too, children make faster progress. Your child's report will have some suggestions for what you can do – but most children benefit from reading with or to an adult regularly, practising pairs of numbers to given totals – such as 10, 20, 100, and times tables.

## Recent events

**Christmas Card competition** Oak class have once again taken part in this competition organised by George Freeman MP. We await to hear if we have been successful once again!

**Tag rugby tournament** – Organised by the West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership, our team performed brilliantly.

**Sportshall tournament** - Organised by the West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership ( WNDSSP) , many teams took part. Our team performed really well. Congratulations to Tommy for gaining the Sportsmanship award for demonstrating the partnership Values.

**Christingle Making** All the children had a visit from Reverend Helen about the meaning in a Christingle . They then made their own craft Christingles, receiving an orange and instructions to make their own nearer Christmas- they could take it to the Christingle service on at St Margaret's church.

### Our Values

Next half term we will be learning about Perseverance . Children will be learning about perseverance as : persevering to achieve a goal ; keeping going ; journeys; not giving up in the face of challenges; encouraging others.

In celebrating the Christian calendar, we will focus on the season of Epiphany, and how the wise men travelled a long and difficult journey to find Jesus.



### 100% ATTENDANCE!

We have 44 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 97.2%

**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, or the weather particularly adverse we usually try and have playtime, PE and sports clubs outside. PE kit can get quite muddy if the class goes onto the field, so please be prepared for this.

**Students in School** Next term we will have two trainee teachers in school, who are Graduate trainees with SCITT. They will be undertaking a placement in Willow class- Mr Phillips and in Cherry Class – Mr Woodhouse They have already spent a day in school recently.

### Dates for your Diary

4 January – back to school

9 January – Rowan Class to The Norwich School for a 'Sensational Science' Workshop. Full School uniform must be worn.

23 January – Willow class trip- am

24 January - Early Years Sportshall event

26 January- KS1 Sportshall event

2 February – Parent Curriculum Workshop – Growth Mindset

6 February – Safer Internet day

16 March – Zoolab visit to Rowan class

22 March – Small Schools Football Tournament ( WNDSSP)

12- 16 February – Half term week . School reopens Monday 19 February

29 March - 13 April – Easter holidays . School reopens Monday 16 April

**We wish all our families a joyful Christmas**

