



NEWSLETTER

November 2020



Children in Need



Thank you for all the contributions- we raised £124.60

All classes joined in with Joe Wicks in the final minutes of his 24 hour exercise challenge ... phew!



Thank you for your generosity in supporting these charities.

Poppy appeal The British Legion provided the school with a selection of poppy items to wear which proved very popular. We hope to have raised lots of money for their appeal, which will go to help veterans and their families. The children learned about Remembrance, and why we have the poppy as a symbol.



Our Learning

Classes are busy once again with their topics, as well as continuing on our Recovery Curriculum journey, where teachers are focusing on supporting pupils to make good progress and support health and well-being. **Curriculum Information Booklet** and **Homework Booklets** provide information about your child's topics this term and you can find out about and support your child's learning- Please find these on our school website under 'Classes'

We are doing everything we can to ensure that your child enjoys a full curriculum whilst following the government guidance.

Last week was Anti Bullying week, and the children spent lesson time considering what bullying is, and ways to prevent it and stop it.

Oak class created a Play in a Day, with the focus being keeping safe on-line. They performed brilliantly as a class and learnt some key messages, including the memorable 'Zip it, Flag It, Block it'.

Grace in Y6 also alerted her class to the 'Odd Socks' campaign raising awareness that it is ok to be different.

Parent Consultations

Thank you for showing your support at the recent Parents' telephone consultations. It really does make a huge difference for your child to have your ongoing support and help with their learning. Reading to and with your child (YR to Y6), both fiction and non-fiction, is still one of the best ways to share quality time and support their progress.

Autumn Achievement

Your child's mid-year report will be sent to you at the start of the new term. This will be a summary of attainment so far this year, along with next steps for the new term, and ways you can support.



School Cross Country Challenge. Friday 4 Dec Our Sports Partnership are leading this in-school based competition. Willow, Rowan and Oak will be in their class Bubbles. Pupils wear PE kit to school AND must bring a change of footwear for non PE activities.

We are very pleased that to date our school has remained Covid free. A huge thank you to all our children, staff and parents for their support and help in maintaining this –it continues to be an enormous challenge and has to be a joint effort. As an ongoing process we are constantly reviewing our safety arrangements and remain vigilant in school.

Tobias won an art competition and has donated his prize of a Bat box to the school. Well done and Thank You for your generosity, Tobias.

Our Values

Each half term, the whole school focuses on learning about one of our Values – This term, we are learning about Compassion– We will be reflecting on compassion as; noticing a need, being a good neighbour, trying to understand how others may be feeling and showing care and kindness. We will be supporting Save the Children UK with the Christmas Jumper Day appeal.



Reminders

Please make sure your child has a **pair of wellies or spare old shoes** for playtimes on the field. This helps prevent mud being carried into school, and very muddy shoes. These should be able to be kept at school during the week.

Flu jabs - these are happening for all age groups, and will take place in school on 9 December.

Bam Bam the deer

He seems friendly and many of our children do like him. He does create a bit of a nuisance of himself when he appears at the school gates because he makes access to school difficult at busy drop off and pick up times. We have arranged with the 'owner' to collect him should he appear.

School Lunches

We are continuing with the current offer of hot lunches to Year R, 1 and 2 daily and Y3,4,5,6 on Friday only until the end of term. We are currently reviewing whether it will be possible to offer hot lunches to older children either every day or some days, and are working with our caterers on this.

We are very pleased that we have been able to plan a **Christmas lunch** for all our children, and thank our school cook Amanda for helping with plans for this.

On the days a Christmas lunch is being served (Tues 15/Wed 16/ Thurs17) we will be offering a packed lunch only option to other year groups.

Free School Meals

As the current Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect us, it is possible that your circumstances have changed. Depending on your family circumstances, your child could be entitled to free school meals (FSM) every day during term time. FSM families also received a voucher to spend in the supermarkets for the school summer holidays this year and will additionally have a Winter Support Package.

The local authority has funds allocated for this purpose. Please contact the school office or follow the link to apply: www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk.

Christmas Stockings - We have heard from a local group of Mums in Reepham who are putting together Christmas stockings from donated items. These are for children of all age groups with the aim of supporting families in the local area who may be in need. If you would like some help, or indeed, if you would like to donate so they can provide more stockings, please contact christmasstockings2020@yahoo.com