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### **NEWSLETTER 20 DECEMBER 2023**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of The Nightingale Federation,

Yearly, we are overjoyed by our school community- this begins with our parents/carers. Thank you, we are so appreciative of your continued support by attending school events, helping with home learning, practising times-tables, joining FOSS/FOLS and reading daily too!

This year saw the launch of our wonderful Federation, The Nightingale Federation, where we endeavour to ensure every child 'Lets their light shine'! Our values across the Federation this term have been respect, trustworthiness, thankfulness and honesty.

This term we welcomed Governor's, SIAMs teams and School Improvement teams into both schools in the Federation. Whilst we always aim to improve, our children are to be praised on their behaviour and attitude to school along with their willingness to work together and achieve well. This includes in sporting and academic pursuits where pupils across the Federation consistently achieve very well inside and outside of school.

Across our Federation, we are truly blessed by the philanthropy of our wonderful benefactors of their time, financing and assistance. The fabulous FOSS, FOLS, the Thomas Bullock Trust and our Governors have shown initiative, support and challenge to continue our improvements. We are grateful for their support and energy.

It is important to also praise our pupils' excellent outcomes again seen in autumn assessments this term. Learning for our pupils will continue to be strengthened by our regular joint staff training and curriculum expertise being shared. Nationally, our Federation achieved very well in Summer 2023, we are, and continue to achieve as top schools in the nation and alongside school's locally. [Compare School's DFE.](#)

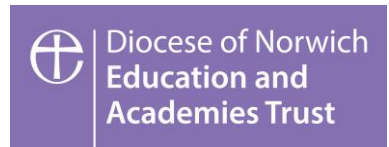
Our qualified teacher-led Nursery at Thomas Bullock continues to expand as does our wraparound care offer. In the Spring and Summer term we intend to offer stay and play sessions at Lyng as well.

A special thanks to our fabulous team of staff, teaching and non-teaching. More than ever, everyone has gone above and beyond to ensure the children are happy, safe, extremely well taught and, valued.

Finally, we would like to thank both pupils and parents for the lovely Christmas gifts, cards and messages; I know the staff, as well as myself, have been touched, as ever, by your kind words and generosity.

With blessings for a restful and wonderful Christmas and happy New Year.

Mrs O'Sullivan and the whole Nightingale Federation Team



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### OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

#### CHERRY CLASS

We had a fantastic visit last Wednesday from the lovely Jenny and Joy from Taverham veterinary surgery. The children had such an amazing time learning all about the jobs of vets and veterinary nurses. We talked about how they do tests on animals to help understand how to make them feel better, they give vaccinations, perform operations, and check our pets hearts with a stethoscope.

Cherry class had the opportunity to wear the hats and gowns the vets wear when treating our pets, and used real bandages to bandage up the dogs that the veterinary nurses use to help them when training. They even brought some extra special guests to the classroom for us to meet. We met Nel the ferret, Petri the corn snake and Banana the royal python. These are Jenny's pets and she talked all about how she looks after them and gave us some interesting facts about them.



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### WILLOW CLASS

In Willow class we have been getting into the Christmas spirit. We had a wonderful Nativity performance performed by Willow and Cherry classes. We also had a visit from Reverend Richard to make Christingles ready for the Christingle service in church. Finally we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch! Merry Christmas everyone!



### ROWAN CLASS

With the run up to Christmas, Rowan have been celebrating with making Christingles for the carol service on Monday this week, where Rowan children sang enthusiastically! The festivities continued with a Christmas quiz with Team Candy Cane Lane taking the win.

Also in science we used our knowledge of shadow and light, transparent and opaque materials to perform classic Fairy Tales for each other.







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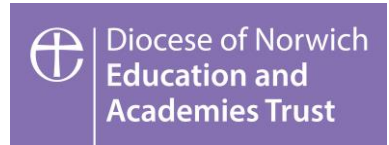
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### OAK CLASS

Oak class have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians. This term we made scarab beetles from clay in art and painted them in traditional colours. We have learnt about the properties of materials in science, which involved several investigations. In English we have been working on our fictional writing and in maths on our arithmetic skills. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas.





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### DIARY DATES

#### December

20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

20<sup>th</sup> FOLS Christmas Disco (Village Hall, 5.30 – 7.30pm)

Christmas Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### January 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day

4<sup>th</sup> Children return to School

#### February

Half term 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February inclusive

#### March

28<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed

Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive

#### MAY

6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday

7<sup>th</sup> Class Photos

20<sup>th</sup> Vision and Hearing tests (Reception)

Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### JULY

18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed