



Newsletter December 2020



Christmas Activities Although we are not able to enjoy our usual Christmas events, we are celebrating in school with a range of activities

On Wed 16th, Willow, Rowan and Oak class are taking part in the Rapunzel Lockdown Pantomime, and will be 'tuning in' and singing along to this school friendly end of term celebration. This event has been organised by the Norfolk

Music Service in partnership with The Come and Sing Company, St George's Theatre, Sheringham Little Theatre and NYMAZ,

All children have been learning the Christmas nativity story; learning a fun Christmas song and playing along with Miss Berners (aka Miss Music!) our music teacher. Oak and Rowan classes have also been learning carols.

Christingle- Revd Helen will be talking to classes about Christingle, and hopes you will be able to join in with the Zoom Christingle on 24th December at 4pm info at <https://www.reephams-and-wensum-valley-team-churches.org.uk> . To receive a Christingle bag, join in with the Elsing -Drive - In- Christmas on 19 December!

Christmas lunch - Rowan class on Tuesday, Cherry and Willow on Wednesday and Oak class on Thursday
Reminder- other classes will have packed lunch offered when it is not their day.



Christmas Post Box_ Children can bring their cards to send to their classmates or friends in other classes and pop them in the post box. Please put name and class on the envelope. These will be delivered on the last day of term, so please make sure they have been posted by Wed 16th.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 18
This is in aid of Save The Children, and will be a coin collection.

Christmas Tree We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Anthony Thomas for kindly donating a tree this year. It looks very impressive in the hall!

FOLS Enormous thanks to all the FOLS who have continued with fundraising efforts this Christmas. The Cauliflower Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper and present labels- there were some splendid designs from the children! In addition, huge efforts to organise a Christmas Raffle, with some fantastic prizes. Make sure your tickets are returned by Friday 11 deadline!

Revd Helen also says Create a nativity scene to display in your windows and an angel for people in your village to see as they walk by. This will be a competition which will be judged at the beginning of January. **The winners will be announced via the local schools. A lovely treat for January.**

Can you find all the Nativity story characters in Lyng .. they can all be found in the village locality!



Attendance 100% ATTENDANCE

We have 45 children with 100% attendance so far this term, with just a few days to go!

FANTASTIC and WELL DONE to all of those children!

Our total school attendance so far this term is 96.19% which is a great achievement in the current circumstances.



Lateness - Some pupils arrive late for the start of the school day. We will be continuing with our revised times next term. All children should arrive between 8.40am and 8.50pm.

The gates are closed at 8.50am so that staff can return to classes.

School Meals and Tuck Some changes to note:

The menu has been updated with some minor changes and can be found on our school website. Our 'stand in cook' Amanda will be leaving us to return to her normal role in the new term. We thank her, and Assistant Sharon for keeping our kitchen running extremely smoothly this half term.

Cherry and Willow - from 4 January, pupils will have the offer of a hot meal or jacket potato option daily. We will not be offering the packed lunch option. We will give your child the main option unless you let Mrs Rudd know your child is to have the jacket potato choice. Lunch is served in the hall.

Rowan and Oak - from 4 January, we will be offering a hot meal daily - either the menu choice or jacket potato option. We will continue to offer a packed lunch option. Lunch will be served in classrooms.

Please let Mrs Rudd know if you want your child to have a hot meal, rather than take the packed lunch. If we don't hear from you, your child will be able to make their own choice.

Packed lunches Pupils can still bring a packed lunch from home, if preferred. However, we ask that this does not contain chocolate bars/ biscuits, fizzy drinks or peanuts/ peanut spreads.

Tuck is available to Rowan and Oak pupils.

Milkshake has been added to the list (30p) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For Christmas week only Monday 14 and Friday 18 there will be a freshly baked 'sausage roll' option as a treat (40p).

Warm Clothing We are having to keep the school ventilated. Please make sure your child has extra layers, especially if they feel the cold.

We are going outdoors for break times and PE unless the weather is really terrible. It does get very cold so make sure your child has a coat, hat, gloves to keep warm.

Finally, in this challenging time, I would like to say a huge Thank you! to all families for supporting your child to come to school with a smile, ready for each new day and for supporting our school in all our activities and systems.

Thank you! to all our school staff, who have maintained positivity and adaptability, promoting regular hygiene and handwashing, and keeping our school clean, whilst keeping teaching and learning enjoyable.

We wish all our families a joyful Christmas

We look forward to seeing you all again, safe and well, at the start of the new term on Monday 4th January

