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Dear Parents,

As you will see from this newsletter, we have been incredibly busy!

### Robin Class visit to Strangers Hall

Robin class had an exciting visit to Strangers' Hall in Norwich on Wednesday as part of their thematic learning on toys from the past. They each made a gingerbread man toy, explored the toy gallery and helped the Toy Maker to sort toys. The children got to handle and play with lots of old toys. Mr Allard felt very old when he saw toys from his childhood in a museum! A big thank you to Mrs Woodings and Mrs Sears for helping on the trip.



### African Mask Making



Smiles and concentration all round!

After a brief introduction about African art and how most African masks are thought to portray the faces of spirits and gods, the designing began.

Each colour has a significance and I am reliably informed by William Shenstone that; gold

means wealth and fortune; red means war, blood or life; green means the Earth /Africa; blue means innocence; white is the spirit of the Ancestors. Thank you William!



Additional information: each mask has been carefully sculpted from Albesia wood. Grown in community smallholdings, Albesia trees can grow to 70ft within four years of germination and are very sustainable.



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 www.wymondhamcluster.org

Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks  
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## African Dance day

As I type this the children are fully involved with their dancing! We have just watched an amazing assembly and the dance the children are being taught today celebrates African Harvest.



## Miss Hughes leaving

Year 5 and their parents have already been informed of the news that Miss Hughes is leaving us. She has decided to leave the teaching profession and has taken up an appointment at the University of East Anglia. We will be sad to see her go but wish her every success with her new venture.

## A message from Mrs Greenacre

Mrs Greenacre has asked me to let you know that she spent the John Lewis vouchers that both the parents and staff gave her. She has bought herself a new sewing machine together with some fabric, pattern and new scissors to do some dressmaking. She has always loved sewing!

## Biscuit sale

The total came to £200 which is amazing! Many thanks to all the bakers and buyers!  
For your diary! The next biscuit sale will be for Valentine's Day. The provisional date is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**Snacks: No nuts.** Please can I remind you that we are a 'no nuts' school. During the last week staff have noticed that a few children are bringing nuts to school for their snack. We now have several children and two members of staff who are could potentially have an anaphalactic reaction to this food. Please can I also ask that you find an alternative.

Can I also request that snacks are of a relatively healthy option! We discourage sweets and chocolate.

## HEADLICE

There have been a few reported instances of children with headlice. Please could you check your child's hair and if necessary treat accordingly.

## Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 two teams represented our school at the local Wymondham Cluster event.

The 'Challengers' team: Maddy Kelly, Edward Leary, Isabelle Woolley, Hugo Pattison, Poppy Jeffery, William Myhill, Rufus Cross, Sam Shaw, Charlie Hodge, Rhys Amblin and William Pratt.

The 'Chieftains' team: Sienna Long, Jake Richardson, George Martin, Flo Anthoni, Tilly Meers, Ben Sheriffs, Luca Fogg, Sam Gowing, Seren Sanders, Cameron Hodge, Nellie Ong and Arnav Singh.



Both teams played incredibly well and were a credit to the school. We now have one team through to the County final! Special thanks to Emma Smith for organising the event and to Arthur Pattison for the time that he has given to coaching our teams.

## MakeBelieve Arts / Helicopter stories

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 our Nursery and Early Years' teachers participated in some training with MakeBelieve Arts. Teachers from Ashleigh Primary School and Browick Road Primary also joined us. The training focused on in the power of story to develop cognitive abilities, explore emotional functions and engage children with learning.



Robin class were key in helping us to learn new skills and we watched as the children made up stories, adults scribed for them and then the class acted them out! This form of holistic approach to education enables children to discover the world around them in their own, very personal way. Thank you Robin class!

## Open evenings

Please don't forget that on a Wednesday and Friday after school you are invited in to our classrooms to share

## 100 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> – Kirsten Mower £15

2<sup>nd</sup> – Vicky Anthoni £10

3<sup>rd</sup> – Tom Anthoni £5

**Bags to Schools** – Please remember to bring your donations to school ready for collection on Thursday morning 17<sup>th</sup>. Bags may be left on Wednesday evening as pick up can be quite early! A good time for a clear out!

#### FINAL REMINDER



This is the link <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-1359>

#### Coming up!

#### Maths Day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Please remember you are very welcome to join us. These are the times when the classes will be completing their activity.

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| Wagtails / Nursery | 11:00 – 11:45 | Greenfinch / Year 3 | 10:45 – 12:15 |
| Wren / Reception   | 11:00 – 11:45 | Lapwing / Year 4    | 1:15 – 2:15   |
| Robin / Year 1     | 10:45 – 12:15 | Kestrel / Year 5    | 1:15 – 2:15   |
| Swift / Year 2     | 10:45 – 12:15 | Kingfisher / Year 6 | 10:45 – 12:15 |

If you have any spare newspaper please bring it on the day or give it to your child to give to us.



#### Children in Need

Today you will receive a separate letter from our School Council explaining our plans for next Friday. We've tried to keep it simple! Children will come to school in their uniform but can also wear something that adds a bit of colour to their outfit to make us all smile! A donation from each child would be appreciated.

#### The Christmas Disco – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Wicklewood Village Hall 6 -8pm

£2 per child to include a drink and snack

#### Dates for your diary

- 2.12.16 Decorations Day
- 4.12.16 Christmas Fayre (**now confirmed**)
- 7.12.16 KS1 Christmas performance - evening
- 8.12.16 KS1 Christmas performance – afternoon
- 9.12.16 Christmas Disco
- 13.12.16 Wren Nativity
- 14.12.16 Carol Service at the Village Hall

Kind regards,