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15.12.17

Dear Parents and Carers,

It does not seem possible that this is the final letter of the Autumn term and I am delighted to bring one that is filled with festive activities.

Last week we were treated to **A King Is Born**.

The children clearly loved the story and the songs. I was so impressed by the number of lines some children had to learn and remember. Well done to Robin and Swift class.



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
Chair of Governors: Mr Peter Meacock



Lapwing Class' Sponsored Walk

Lapwing Class have been learning about fundraising for charities in their PSHE topic. After the children had agreed to raise money for the Syrian refugee crisis and UNICEF, they organised a sponsored walk around the village, which took place on Friday 8th December 2017. It was cold and windy but beautiful and bright. We were very relieved, as we had expected some rain or possibly even snow! It was lovely to see and hear how enthusiastic the children were and how much they enjoyed it. The children have managed to raise an amazing £189.05. It has been brilliant to see the children developing their teamwork and organisational skills through this topic.



And their visit to the church ...



This term, in RE, Lapwing Class have been learning about Christianity, including celebrations, traditions and the importance of the church. To bring their learning alive, we walked to the church and met Assistant Priest Shirley Holt, who answered all of the children's fantastic questions and told us a lot more about the things we had been learning in class. We were especially proud of how the children behaved.

At the beginning of this week, Wren Class performed **Christmas Eve in the Toy Shop**.

It was a delight to share their first Primary School performance and I know that their parents, and grandparents, were incredibly proud of them all, as were their teachers.



Festivities continued on Wednesday 13th December 2017 with our **Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Fayre**.

As was mentioned at the service, this really encapsulated the Wicklewood School community, with children, teachers, governors, parents and grandparents all together enjoying a shared experience. The children's singing was amazing and the parent's singing ... well, the jury is out on that one! This is always a favourite event and thank you for the wonderful comments that we have since received.



This year we decided to try something a little bit different with the Christmas Fayre and from the feedback that I got during the evening it seemed as though the consensus was that it was very successful.

A huge thank you to the 'Friends' who made this happen, especially Sue Daynes, who was the driving force behind the team and ensured that everyone was organised, and Sam Batty for organising the raffle!



Raffle Winners

Luxury Hamper – Heidi Robertson
Hotel Stay – Samantha Batty
Middletons' Voucher – Lucy Noble
Luxury Wreath – Rachael Wolstenholme
Reflexology Voucher – Lesley Robbins
KLM Hair Salon Voucher – Annie Leigh
Pair of Children's books – Kevin Brown
Champagne – Jane Evans
Cupcake Maker – Marisa Talbot
Bottle of Vodka – Lucy Leaford
Bottle of Gin – Dave Parker
Cream Tea for Two – Marie Collins
Large Panettone – Cerianne Lambkin
Bottle of Cava – Sue Daynes
Large Panettone – Sue Corfe
Box of Biscuits – Sarah Jane Ford
Box of Shortbread – Sarah White



Box of Dairy Milk Chocolates – Miranda Leivers
Box of Biscuits – Ed Godbold
M & S Toiletries – Adam Jones
Children's Puzzle – Mr Brigden

To date the fayre has raised a grand total of £1003.20 with a potential for more. Watch this space for an update after the Christmas holiday.

And the final Christmas photos ... lunch



... and Nursery party



'Me and My Horse' by Isabelle Rapley

During the last few weeks, I have highlighted some of the sporting achievements that children have been awarded and this week I am delighted to share with you that ... we have an author in our midst. Isabelle Rapley has just published her first book titled 'Me and My Horse' and I say first because she has already informed that she is writing a sequel!

On Monday 11th December 2017, she read it to the school and, as you can see by the photo, she had a very captive audience.



Well done Isabelle. We are very proud of you.



https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_1?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=isabelle+rapley

Poppy Appeal

A message from the organisers: "Please pass on my thanks to the pupils and staff at the school for helping to support the Poppy Appeal. You raised £28.11 towards our current total of £17,000.00."

Smarties' tubes

Thank you to all of you who returned your Smarties' tubes filled with coins. The total raised was £237.70 which means that £118.85 has been donated to us. Thank you to Nicola Steggles (Dylan's mum). We wish her good luck with the rest of her fund raising, her training and the London Marathon itself!

Key Stage 2 SATs League Tables were published yesterday. This link will give you further information. We can be very proud of our achievements!

<http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/education/how-did-norfolk-and-suffolk-schools-perform-in-the-2017-key-stage-two-sats-league-tables-1-5320984>

100 Club Winners (December)

£15 Federica Di Palma
£10 Dan and Stef Nobbs
£5 Hollie Podolski

Coming up

E-safety afternoon

On the afternoon of Tuesday 30th January 2018, Jill Duman, County Education Adviser, will be leading an information afternoon for parents about keeping your children safe on line to which you are all invited. Further information will follow but for now please do put the date in your diary.

Dates for your diary

15.12.17 Greenfinch and Lapwing assembly 2.30 p.m. (Parents welcome)

19.12.17 Last day of term

3.1.18 INSET day

4.1.18 New term starts

Spring half term holiday 12.2.18 – 16.2.18

Easter holiday 29.3.18 – 13.4.18

Summer half term holiday 28.5.18 – 1.6.18

Summer holiday begins 25.7.18

And finally, on behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, and healthy, 2018.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks