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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final letter of the Autumn term – where did the last 13 weeks go?

In case you hadn't notice school has had a rather Christmassy theme!

It started with **Prickly Hay!**

What a wonderful production. The staff and children put on a first-class performance which definitely got everyone in to the Christmas mood!



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



## Decorations Day

This was a wonderful morning. All I could see, whilst wandering around the classes, were happy smiling children and parents. There was also a lot of focused expressions – mainly the parents!



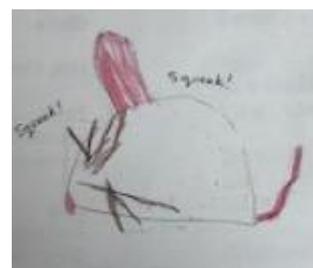
## Christmas parties

What can I say? It was ... loud... very loud! Did the children have a good time – of course they did!

The children were exceptionally well-behaved and Olly and Kate were very complimentary about their attitude. Well done to them all. Thank you to the Friends for organising the event.



## Wren Class perform 'An Easy Cheesy Nativity'



Words are not enough to describe how incredibly well the children performed. They remembered all their lines and sang beautifully. A very proud (and understandably emotional) audience were watching!

## Christmas trees

Thank you to the family Schutte for donating both of the Christmas trees this year. Their children used to come to the school and you will have hopefully noticed in The Net that they have been selling Christmas trees locally.

## Greenfinch and Lapwing visit Norwich Castle

Lapwing and Greenfinch had a super day at the Castle discovering all about the Ancient Egyptians! We got to handle real artefacts and find out all about them. We also got to make some Ancient Egyptian inspired jewellery and pretend to be an Ancient Egyptian by acting out things that they would have done, such as farming and fishing. However, our favourite part was seeing the real mummy and investigating the mystery of why she was not in the right tomb! We had such a wonderful day and all of the children were impeccably behaved!



## Homeless Day

Yesterday Lapwing had a homeless morning imagining what it would be like being homeless. They spent the morning building a shelter to protect them from the weather and then played lots of games as well as completing challenges related to being homeless.

The children had the following to say:

'The purpose was to learn and understand about being homeless and I think we managed to achieve that by being outside on such a cold day'.

'The day made me feel quite sad for homeless people'.

'We role played being homeless and the adults reacted how the public do, it made me feel annoyed when they said mean things and made me feel things that I would not normally do'.

'We played a game called to have or not to have - the chocolates were shared unevenly and unfairly, we felt jealous and know what it feels like to be left out and not have what some other people do'.

'We kept being moved on and had nowhere to go. It was nowhere we belonged'.

'I feel empathy'.

'The rucksack game challenged us as it was hard to think of what we could take - choose it or lose it'.

'I got to feel how homeless people probably feel'.

'We worked as a team to build a shelter'.

'We had lots of fun experiencing what it would be like to be homeless/ I am proud of our teamwork'.



The children raised a total of £160 for Emmaus, a UK based charity and community working together to end homelessness. An amazing achievement! Throughout the day the whole class demonstrated how much they now relate to the school's values too! Well done!



## Fill a Sock campaign

Lapwing Class would like to thank you all so much for your kind donations for our 'Fill a Sock' campaign. We managed to fill a remarkable 45 socks which will help to make Christmas a happier time of year for some people who are homeless! We had a great afternoon packing them and could not believe how generous you all were!

## **Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch!**



Fantastic fun and lots of happy children (who surprisingly still seem to have a lot of energy!)

## **Parent Governor**

There were no candidates for this vacancy therefore Sally Bashuan (mum to Martha and Dylan) was re-elected.

## **Children in Need**

Thank you for all your donations. We raised an amazing £229.82!

## **Good bye to Mrs Johnstone**

Mrs Johnstone has worked as a teaching assistant in this school for several years and we wish her a very happy retirement.

Mrs Frances Thacker has been appointed as the new teaching assistant in Greenfinch.

## **Key Stage 2 performance tables**

I am delighted to inform you that out of 432 schools in Norfolk we ranked 21<sup>st</sup> for last year's key stage 2 (year 6) results!

## **Parent Forum**

At the last Parent Forum it was requested that the Calculation Policy was available on the school website. This has now been updated and can be found at

<http://www.wicklewoodschool.co.uk/curriculum/>

## **Books for Schools**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 is the deadline for the total number of tokens collected. Please can I therefore have all tokens in to school by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Many thanks.

## Norwich Foodbank



## 100 Club winners

### November

£15 Alexis Cameron  
 £10 Rachael Wolstenholme  
 £5 Anne Fogg

### December

£15 Fiona Hare  
 £10 Sharon Bird  
 £5 Chris Talbot

## What amazing children we have at Wicklewood!



Well done to Charlotte for passing her Grade 1 piano exam.



We collected £47.82 for EACH.  
 Lyla Webster also raised £286.50.

Thank you to everyone at  
 Wicklewood School who donated.

## Dates for your diary

SPRING TERM	
2.1.19	INSET DAY
3.1.19	New term starts
18.2.19	Half term
7.3.19	World Book Day
1.4.19	Learning reviews 3.30 – 7.00p.m
2.4.19	Learning reviews 3.30 – 5.30p.m
5.4.19	Last day

<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
<b>23.4.19</b>	<b>New term starts</b>
<b>8-10.5.19</b>	<b>Lapwing residential - Holt Hall</b>
<b>13.5.19</b>	<b>KS2 SATs week Kestrel residential - Peak District</b>
<b>27.5.19</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>3-6.6.19</b>	<b>Kingfisher residential - Hilltop</b>
<b>13.6.19</b>	<b>Kingfisher bell ringing</b>
<b>19.6.19</b>	<b>Sports Day (same format as last year)</b>
<b>2.7.19</b>	<b>KS2 dress rehearsal</b>
<b>3.7.19</b>	<b>KS2 play evening</b>
<b>4.7.19</b>	<b>KS2 play evening</b>
<b>24.7.19</b>	<b>Last day</b>

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019. Thank you for your continued support of your children and our school.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks