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22.11.19

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very busy few weeks ahead of us! Although the Christmas word is now heard on a daily basis the school continues with its day to day curriculum and in amongst it all are those very special moments which I hope I have captured in this newsletter.

Isabelle reads her book to Robin Class

Robin Class loved it when Isabelle visited to read her book 'Snuggle Up Stories'. The DJ Hedgehogs were a real hit!



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
Chair of Governors: Mrs M. Talbot



Remembrance

On Monday 11th November 2019 the school respected a one-minute silence and this year George, Elspeth and Isabelle also played 'The Last Post'. Thank you.



Greenfinch and Lapwing Romans Assembly

On Tuesday 12th December, Lapwing and Greenfinch thoroughly entertained their audience at our very own Wicklewood amphitheatre, when they taught the parents and carers who came about 'What the Romans did for us'. The children played their parts exceptionally well and worked hard to capture the humour and expression in their lines too. They developed their performance skills and really grasped the concept of how to act on a stage and project their voices, even when feeling nervous. Thank you so much to the children for putting in the hard work, Miss Jell for organising such a super script and those of you at home for helping the children to learn their parts and organise super costumes which really enhanced the performance - also to Miss Brooks for allowing us to practise that rather catchy song next to her office quite so regularly! (Miss Marriott)



Children in Need



As always this was a very enjoyable day. Thank you to everyone for your contributions. As yet we do not have a final figure, but I will let you know as soon as we do!



Our new Eco – Council

Congratulations to Ben and Darcey (Robin), Ivy and Harvey (Swift), Zach and April (Greenfinch), James and Emilee (Lapwing), Amelia and Jack (Kestrel) and Holly and Thomas (Kingfisher).

Mrs Robbins is leaving 😞

Next Friday we very sadly say goodbye to Mrs Robbins. Mrs Robbins has been at this school for twenty years, several of them spent as a teaching assistant before also moving into the office. Nothing is ever too much for her and she has rescued us all on many occasions; whether it be that we are unable to locate something; a sudden realisation that we need something and a last-minute order of equipment is put in; or we just need a friendly ear and a bit of advice. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Thank you



Car Park – continued issues...

Once again, I have had several complaints from parents about parking. They are as follows:

- a parent smoking. They were also parked in a Disabled bay which is only to be used by those with a disability badge.
- cars idling.
- the designated 'in' and 'out' gates are for vehicles. Pedestrians should not be using them. If walking out of the car park, please use the main school gate where our Patrol Crossing Person is in place.

Parent Forum



Minutes from this were circulated earlier in the week.

The car park - one of the suggestions made was the need to have a maintenance group to regularly sweep the shingle back in to place, therefore preventing the potholes. Would anyone like to do this? Perhaps someone could organise this on their class WhatsApp group?

Home learning – last year's feedback from parents ranged from 'too much home learning' to 'not enough' therefore home learning now has two levels to it. There is the essential's section which is key skills for the year group (such as reading, spellings, times tables) and the 'extras' section which is set for those children who feel that they would like to complete a little bit more. There is no expectation to share this with teaching staff as we want to encourage the children to develop their own love of learning and the desire to learn more because they are interested in it.

A Suggestion Box is now in the foyer. We can only improve if we hear from you. If you have an idea that you think would help to improve the school, and you would rather be anonymous, pop your idea(s) in it!

Coming up

29.11.19 Advent Decorations Day

We look forward to welcoming you into school to share this annual event. Please see the timetable for when each class will be making their decorations. We look forward to seeing you.

CLASS	9.15 – 10.30	10.45 – 12.00
KINGFISHER		✓
KESTREL	✓	
LAPWING		✓
GREENFINCH		✓
SWIFT	✓	
ROBIN		✓
WREN	✓	
NURSERY	✓	

This year the format will be slightly different to previous years with the children making one decoration. The sessions may therefore be a little shorter, but we will be serving refreshments in the hall from 10.10 a.m for those of you who would like to stay a little longer or who will be staying for both morning sessions.

7.12.19 - Wymondham Wynterfest



Wymondham
Wynterfest
2019
Saturday 7th December 12pm - 6pm



Come and join us for...
Lighting Up Wymondham, Santa's Grotto,
Made in Wymondham Market, Journey to Bethlehem
Live Entertainment, Outdoor Market
Fun Fair and so much more!
At the Market Cross and locations nearby



What's on
And where!



1.00 pm Live music featuring Ricky Martin tribute act
1.40 pm Santa arrives (then find him at his Grotto in Whartons Court)
2.30 pm Live music featuring Ricky Martin tribute act
3.30 pm Light Up Wymondham Parade
4.30 pm Live music Blues Brothers tribute act at Market Cross
And look out for the **LOST ELVES!**

Other Attractions

Journey to Bethlehem - Baptist Church, Queens Street
Reindeer - Wardrobes Clothes Store, Fairland Street
Fur Fair - Middleton Street
"Festive Wonder" - Wymondham Abbey
Made in Wymondham Market & Creative Singers
Ex-Services Club, Friarscroft Lane
Magical Forest Scene - Market Cross area
Meet Queen Victoria - The White Hart, Market Street
Karaoke - Town Green Centre, Middleton Street
Star Studio festive decoration workshops
Pop corn demo and raffle in aid of
Wymondham Dementia Centre -
Jarvold, Middleton Street



**Please note timings are approximate*

11.12.19 Christmas Celebration event

With less than four weeks to go until the Christmas Celebration on Wednesday 11th December, we as ever need your help with a few donations to support and make the event a success.

Some of you have already offered your support on the day- by setting up or helping on a stall- but if you are able to help and haven't already offered please do get in touch with Gemma Minors (Robin class).

But most importantly we need DONATIONS – donations of tombola prizes (bottles and sweets),

hamper prizes, cakes and mince pies and an envelope of change (intrigued? See overleaf...)

- Tombola- there will be a bottle tombola and a sweet tombola. You may like to bring a bottle of shampoo or a bottle of Prosecco, it's up to you! Again with sweets, you may like to donate a packet of sweets or a tub of sweets - whatever you feel you can donate it will be appreciated.

With Christmas jumper day falling after the celebration we are asking for a bottle to be brought into school on the Monday instead of a donation on Christmas jumper day.

- Hamper prizes- crisps, chutneys, chocolates, Christmas pudding, biscuits etc

- Money envelopes for a money tree game- please place any amount of money from 1p up to £1 into a sealed envelope.

Please drop off tombola and/or hamper donations and money envelopes on Monday 9th December in the outdoor classroom at school drop off.

And cakes - feel free to put on your apron and bake some festive cakes or send in some mince pies? Please pop them in the school staff room on the morning of Wednesday 11 December.

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity and support.

4.2.20 E-safety information afternoon (2.00p.m)

How much do you really know about what sites and apps your children are using? How safe is what they are accessing? How can you find out more?

Two years ago, Jill Duman from County, led a parent's information session for us and it was so successful that I thought we would offer it again. I will send out more information nearer the time but please put the date in your diary.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks

Dates for your diary (any new dates added in red)

AUTUMN TERM	
29.11.19	Advent Decoration Day
2.12.19	KS1 dress rehearsal
3.12.19	KS1 play 6.00 p.m.
4.12.19	KS1 play 2.00 p.m.
6.12.19	Christmas Party (FRIENDS)
9.12.19	Nativity dress rehearsal 9.30 a.m.
10.12.19	Nativity play (Wren) 9.30 a.m.
11.12.19	KS2 Carol Service 1.30 p.m. Christmas Celebration 3.30 p.m. (FRIENDS)
13.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
18.12.19	Last day

SPRING TERM	
6.1.20	Term starts
29.1.20	Learning Reviews 3.30 – 7.00 (Y6)
4.2.20	E-safety – information for parents 2.00 p.m. (school hall)
7.2.20	Quiz and Chips (FRIENDS)
10.2.20	Learning reviews 3.30 – 7.00p.m (YR – Y5)
11.2.20	Learning reviews 3.30 – 5.30p.m (YR – Y5)
17.2.20	HALF TERM
26.2.20	GR8 AS U R 'Chilled' Fun Day
5.3.20	World Book Day
1.4.20	Last day
2.4.20	INSET DAY

SUMMER TERM	
20.4.20	Term starts
4.5.20	KS1 SATs assessments start
4.5.20	Lapwing residential Holt Hall
8.5.20	Bank Holiday (not 4.5.20)
11.5.20	KS2 SATs Kestrel residential Peak District
25.5.20	HALF TERM
1.6.20	Kingfisher residential Hilltop
18.6.20	Kingfisher bell ringing
17.6.20	KS2 Sports Day a.m.
19.6.20	KS1 Sports Day a.m.
To be confirmed	KS2 play evening
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To be confirmed	High School transition
20.7.20	Leavers' assembly
21.7.20	Last day