



NEWSLETTER - November 2016

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Dates for the diary

11 th	Nov	Non-uniform Day for Christmas Hamper Items Upper School Bingo – School Association event
Wb 14	Nov	Anti-bullying Week Switch Off Fortnight
15 th	Nov	South Norfolk Cross Country Event at Fritton Lake
15 th	Nov	Class 4 Community Assembly 2:50pm
18 th	Nov	Foundation class Cake Sale
22 nd	Nov	Class 5 Egyptian Day
23 rd	Nov	South Norfolk Tag Rugby Tournament at Wymondham College
23 rd	Nov	Foundation class and Class 6 Height and Weight survey (NHS)
25 th	Nov	Class 6 Maths Café
26th	Nov	School Association Christmas Fair 2pm – 4pm
6 th & 7 th	Dec	Christmas Dinners
7 th	Dec	Y1, 2 & 3 Flu immunisation - NHS
13 th	Dec	Lower School Christmas Performance 1:30pm
13 th	Dec	Upper School Christmas Performance 6:00pm
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14 th	Dec	Lower School Christmas Performance 6:00pm
16 th	Dec	School closes for the Christmas holiday
4 th	Jan	Staff training day – school closed for pupils
5 th	Jan	School reopens for pupils

Class 6 Maths Cafe - Friday 25th November at 9:00am - 10:30am.

Sorry for any confusion over dates - it is a busy time of year! We hope to see you there!

Non-uniform Day for Christmas Hampers

We will be holding a non-uniform day this Friday to help with preparing the Christmas Hampers for our Christmas Fair. Children are encouraged to come to school in clothes of their choice (still suitable for a usual school day) in exchange for a donation for their class Christmas hamper. This can be anything that you might like to find in a winning family hamper - chocolates, biscuits, 'smellies', crackers, bottles of drinks, tins or packets of food etc. Please ensure all food is within sell by date and any alcoholic drinks are handed into the office by an adult.

You should have received some raffle tickets in book bags this week. The hampers are fantastic prizes so please do sell as many tickets as possible!

School Association are also collecting donations for the tombola stalls.

Children In Need - Friday 18th November

We are not going to focus on this charity event in school this year, having already taken part in Jeans for Genes day and had our Christmas Hamper non-uniform day. If the children would like to bring in a Pudsey toy or wear a Pudsey badge/ hairband etc then that will be great.

Crossing Patrol Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a crossing patrol person to help our pupils cross Long Lane safely at the beginning and end of the school day. The school are very keen to find a suitable person for this role as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who might be interested then please come and speak to the school office. With potential cuts to Crossing Patrols across Norfolk it would be a great shame if we lost our provision through being unable to appoint.

Car Park Update

You may be aware that there have been some difficulties with the extended car park at the playing fields. The Parish Council have been in touch and asked that I make you aware that John Ingram is trying to resolve the problem, though it may not be for a week or two. In the meantime parents may wish to park in the old car park in preference to the new, until work to relay the surface is done. They have also asked that I reassure parents that this is in no way a fault of the Parish Council.

Headteacher Recruitment

You may already be aware that the Governors have advertised for a new headteacher for Stoke this term. I am expecting that interviews will be taking place at the end of November so your children may well talk about meeting prospective candidates and taking part in activities to support the recruitment process such as assemblies and School Council interviews. The Governors will keep you updated as and when they are able to.

Outdoor Classroom

Our outdoor classroom is now well under way. We are looking forward to being able to use it to enhance our Learning Outside of the Classroom opportunities. We are very excited about seeing it completed.

Coats - Being prepared for cold and wet weather

Can we please ask that all pupils come to school in a coat that is suitable for keeping them warm and dry in our winter weather? We are very keen to encourage all pupils to be outside at break and lunchtimes if at all possible. This does mean that we will still go outside in drizzle and similar conditions. Having a suitable coat with a hood helps to keep the pupils dry and comfortable. If a child does not have a coat with them they will be loaned a school waterproof poncho. As always please ensure all coats are clearly named as many pupils have the same style of coat in the same colour!

Christmas Productions and Dinners

It is nearly the time of year for our Christmas performances and Christmas dinners. We will be sending letters out shortly with details of how to get tickets. This is always a very tricky exercise from the school point of view (and yours as well I'm sure). We have a limited number of seats available both from a fire safety point of view and the actual number of blue chairs we have. To be as fair as possible we allocate 2 tickets per pupil or family (if there is more than one child from the family in the same Key Stage) across the school. This limit does also apply to separated families. The evening tickets are always oversubscribed, especially in Upper School with 4 classes sharing the quota. We do have a number of families where both parents are working full time and find it difficult to attend the performances in the afternoons. If it is at all possible that you can attend the afternoon performances then that is much appreciated to allow evening tickets to be used by others in our community.

You may be asked to help us with providing elements of costumes, especially in Upper School. Please do come and talk to us if you are unsure of what is needed - there are often ways to adapt clothing you may already have rather than rushing out to purchase expensive items!