



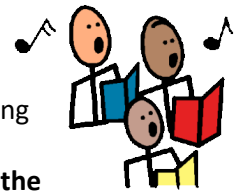
Newsletter

Note from the Head

It's been a really busy term so far; as well as lots of learning in the classrooms, the children have benefitted from a number of trips and visitors, they've represented the school at sports events and supported charities. Like the children, I am already very excited about Christmas. In school, we have a number of exciting events that I also want to tell you about. Please read on to find out more.

Christmas Federation Service

I am really excited to let you know that there will be a Christmas Federation Service involving all the children on Monday 17th December at 1pm at Docking Church which I'm really hoping that you will be able to attend. Each class will have a part in the service as well as lots of singing. In addition, there will be a leaving presentation during the service for Mrs Bocking. **If there is anyone who requires transport to the event, please let the school know by Monday 26th November at the latest, and we will organise this.**



Christmas Jumper Day

On the 14th December, we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day. We would like the children to wear a Christmas Jumper (this can be just one they have decorated) and make a minimum donation of £1 to raise funds for **Save the Children**. Your support means that together, we can stand side by side with children in the toughest places to be a child. For more information visit the

website: <https://christmasjumperday.org>

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part in our non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. A total of £222.18 was raised, which was fantastic!



Odd Sock Day

It was really good to see the children wearing their 'Odd Socks' in support of Anti-Bullying week. The children did lots of interesting work throughout the week and we would encourage you to continue this at home.

A good website for parents is: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents> but there are lots of others. I would ask all parents to remind their children that whenever they are in school they have the right to feel safe and if they are being bullied, the most important thing is to tell someone.

Books for Schools

New Token Bonanza Dates Released!

Firstly, thank you for supporting our Book For Schools campaign. We still need to collect lots more tokens to win prizes for our school. There will be extra tokens in both the EDP and Norwich Evening News on:

November – 13th, 14th, 27th, 28th

December – 1st, 8th

10 bonus tokens will also be in the North Norfolk News week commencing: 12th Nov, 19th Nov and 3rd Dec.





Sport

Pupils across the Federation have enjoyed participating in Cross Country and a Hockey Tournament this term. There are lots of fabulous sporting opportunities coming up in the next term as well!

Holidays in term time

There continues to be a rise in the number of holidays being taken in term time. Children are expected to be in school for 190 days a year-leaving 175 days available for family holidays, days out and celebrations. Gaps in learning can be difficult to catch up. We would like to draw your attention to these interesting statistics regarding attendance:

- If your child has 90% attendance over the whole 11 years at school, they will miss more than an entire year of education.
- 91.1% attendance = missing 17 days of school in one year.
- 82.1% attendance = missing 34 days of school in one year.

Missing 17 days a year means dropping 1 GCSE grade (on average).

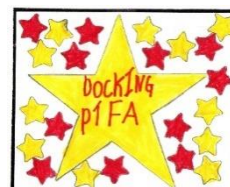
PTFA News

The PTFA does lots of fundraising throughout the year, which provides the children with the extras that our budget won't stretch to. We are always keen to have new members join us, to keep the PTFA going. You don't have to be a parent to join us – any interested adult would be very welcome! Just turn up at a meeting or speak to Mrs Nudds in the office, if you are thinking of helping out.

Thank you!

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Miss J Bland
Acting Headteacher



Diary Dates

November	
26th	Year 6 Careers Event at Queen Elizabeth Hospital
30th	Year 1 Step on it Road Safety Training
December	Docking
1 st	PTFA Santa's Grotto at the Ripper Hall Xmas Fair – 10am-2pm
4 th	Federation Swimming Gala, Y4/5/6, 9:30-11:30
5 th	Curlew Holkham Hall Christmas Trip
7 th	School Carol Singing at Morrisons Fakenham 9.30-11.30 Hansel and Gretel Performance to Key Stage 2 Federation children at Sedgeford Village Hall
12 th	Xmas Lunch
13 th	Inca Jays Xmas Performance to Parents 9.15am School Carol Singing at Tesco Fakenham 9.30-11.30
14 th	Xmas Jumper Day Carol Singing, Tescos, 9:00-12 noon Christmas Fair 2-4pm
17 th	Federation Christmas Service, 1:30pm
18 th	Break up for Christmas holidays
January	
3 rd	Return to School
4 th	Panto at the Theatre Royal, Norwich