



Aspire and Grow

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NOVEMBER 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 are any parents who requires transport to the event, please let the school know by Monday 26th 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 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>



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

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 £48.60 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 things 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.



Cross Country

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).

Friends of Sedgeford School

We would like to resurrect our FOSS Committee. Our 'Friends' do lots of fundraising throughout the year, which provides the children with the extras that our budget won't stretch to. We are very keen to have new members join us, to keep the 'Friends' going. You don't have to be a parent to join us – any interested adult would be very welcome! Please speak to Mrs Cook in the office, if you are thinking of helping out. Thank you!

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

J Bland

Miss J Bland
Acting Headteacher



Diary Dates

Sedgeford			
Monday 26 November	12 – 3.30pm	Year 6	Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Wellbeing and careers Workshop
Thursday 29 November	12 Noon	All Children	WW2 Lunch
Tuesday 4 December	9:30-11:30	Y4/5/6	Federation Swimming Gala
Friday 7 December	2 pm	Y3/4/5/6	Hansel & Gretel –Sedgeford Village Hall
Wednesday 12 December	12 Noon	All Children	Xmas Lunch – Parents invited
Thursday 13 December	11.30	All Children	Carol singing at the Village Hall for Community lunch
Friday 14 December		All Children	Xmas Jumper Day
Monday 17 December	1:30pm	All children	Xmas Federation Church Service
Tuesday 18 December	3:15pm	All Children	Break for Christmas
Thursday 3 January 2019		All Children	Return to school
Friday 4 January 2019		All Children	Aladdin at Norwich Theatre Royal

