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## NOVEMBER 2018 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 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm 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 require transport to the event, please let the school know by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and we will organise this.**



### Burnham Deepdale Christmas Market

The market takes place over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The PFA will have a Tombola stall and some of our children will be Carol singing on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am. Please come along and support us if you are able.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On the 14<sup>th</sup> 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>

### 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 £46.00 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 Books 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 – 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

December – 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>

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

### **Sports Events**

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.

### **Early Birds Club**

A gentle reminder- children should not be left unattended at school before 8.45am. If you wish your child to go to the Early Birds Club please speak to Sharon Spencer or Sharon Preston. There will be the usual charge made of £1.00 for any child left before 8.45am. Please note the Early Birds fee will be increasing to **£1.50** after Christmas.

### **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).\***

### **Brancaster PFA**

Keep your eyes open for news from the PFA!

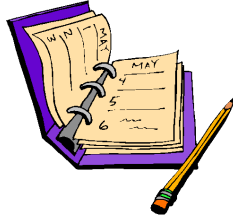
Our Parents and Friends Association do lots of fundraising throughout the year, which provides the children with the extras that our budget won't stretch to. We are always keen to have new members join us, to keep the PFA going. You don't have to be a parent to join us – any interested adult would be very welcome! Just turn up at a meeting or speak to Sharon in the office or Katy Trett, if you are thinking of helping out. Thank you!



Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Miss J Bland  
Acting Headteacher

## Dates for the Diary



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Well Being Event at Queen Elizabeth Hospital YR 6  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm: Celebration Assembly for Mrs Bocking – everyone welcome  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> /Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Deepdale Market including PFA Tombola  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Federation Swimming Gala, Y4/5/6, 9:30-11:30  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Yr 6 height and weight checks & Reception height, weight, hearing and vision checks  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Hansel and Gretel performance, Sedgford Village Hall (Details tbc)  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Carol singing at Tesco, Fakenham  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December: School Christmas Lunch  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Xmas Jumper Day/ PFA trip to Panto at Hunstanton am/ Xmas Party pm (Details to follow)  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Federation Christmas Service, Docking Church at 1.30pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Leaving Nativity service for Rev Susan at 1:30pm (Details to follow)  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: School closes for Christmas  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Christingle , 4.00pm at Burnham Deepdale Church

