

# DECEMBER NEWS



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Term ends at 3pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and the children start again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



## SCHOOL VALUE

This term's school value has been 'Respect'. Stories in assembly have all focused on respect and have covered respect for ourselves, respect for others, respecting difference, respect for people in history who have helped us and showing respect through our behaviour, good manners and what we say.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



We are going to take part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Anyone who wants to take part can either wear a Christmas jumper or decorate their own jumper in a Christmassy way. You pay a minimum of £1 and all proceeds go to 'Save the Children'.

## USED STAMPS

We are going to start collecting used stamps for the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind – please save the stamps from your Christmas cards – put them in a bag or envelope and hand them in to your child's teacher.



## CHILDREN IN NEED AND POPPIES

Thank you for all of your donations for Children In Need. The total amount raised was £178. We also sold a lot of poppies and merchandise this year and raised £296.74 – thank you!

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Mrs Daynes emailed out the menu for the Special Christmas lunch and attached is a duplicate of the letter for your reference. Please make sure you notify the school office if you want to order this for your child, by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If we do not hear from you, your child will be ordered the chicken sandwich option.

## NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for November was 97.5%, our best month so far this year. Our overall attendance so far this year is 97.7%, in line with our target. This does not include any Covid-related absence. Please remember that children with sickness or diarrhoea must not return to school until they are 48hours clear.

## BEHAVIOUR ISSUES IN SCHOOL

If your child is experiencing negative behaviours from another child or children in school, please bring this to the attention of the class teacher in the first instance. We will then discuss this with the children concerned, or sometimes with the whole class or whole school if necessary. We always emphasise with the children how important it is for them to tell us if they have a worry about something another child has said to them or if they have been hurt by someone, because then we can help them sort it out. Thank you.

## PARKING

Parking on Lodge Lane has become quite chaotic lately and this causes risks to our children and families – we have already had one report of a ‘near miss’ this week. Please do not park directly opposite the school even if you are in a rush. We know that many of you have to drive to school but with the staggered start and finishing times, if people stick to their time slots rather than getting there early and sitting in their car, then it should not be as busy as it used to be when everyone started at the same time. Each class has a 10 minute window for arrival and pick up so this should help spread out the parking.

## CAROLS ON THE PLAYGROUND

As you will be aware from the diary dates in the last newsletter, each year group will be singing some



Christmas songs to their parents. We apologise if the date doesn't fit in with your schedule, but we are having to limit how the parents are able to listen this year to ensure bubbles aren't mixed (two parents per child will be allowed to watch). You will not be able to film the singing for safeguarding reasons so please, just enjoy watching. You will be able to enter the school via your normal gate and details for

your class viewing are below:

**YR Singing** will be on the reception playground at 2.30pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Panda class parents only

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Tiger class parents only

**Y1 Singing** will be on the back playground at 2.20pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Squirrel class parents only

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Turtle class parents only

**Y2 Singing** will be on the back playground at 2.30pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Hedgehog class parents only

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Orangutan class parents only

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Rockhopper Penguin parents only

## NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome some new staff to our school:

Mrs Lovelace is covering Mrs Ellis in Tiger class while she is on maternity leave.

Mr Beevor will be working as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant.

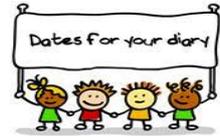
Mr North has finished his apprenticeship but is going to work as a Teaching Assistant, focusing on physical development across the school.

Mrs Joubert will be working in Y1.

We are using our Covid Catch-Up funding that has been given to us from the government, to support children in reading, writing and maths in each year group – Mrs Lovelace (Reception), Mrs Joubert (Y1) and Miss Burgess (Y2) will be carrying out these interventions for the next half term.

## TRAINEE TEACHERS

Our three trainee teachers, Miss Edmead, Miss Humphrey and Mrs Cossey have finished their placements at Lodge Lane – they have all had a successful term and have said how much they have enjoyed working with the children and staff at Lodge Lane. We wish them luck in their next placements and look forward to welcoming Miss Edmead and Miss Humphrey back in the summer term.



## DECEMBER DIARY DATES

<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Last chance to order the special Christmas party lunch	Parents to email the school office Office@lodgelane.norfolk.sch.uk
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - 2.30 pm</b>	Reception Christmas singing on playground	Panda class parents only
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> - 2.30 pm</b>	Reception Christmas singing on playground	Tiger class parents only
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> - 2.20pm</b>	Y1 Christmas singing on playground	Squirrel class parents only
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> - 2.20pm</b>	Y1 Christmas singing on playground	Turtle class parents only
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas jumper day	All children – optional (£1.00 contibution)
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - 2.30pm</b>	Y2 Christmas singing on playground	Hedgehog class parents only
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - 2.30pm</b>	Y2 Christmas singing on playground	Orangutan class parents only
<b>Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Dec -2.30pm</b>	Y2 Christmas singing on playground	Rockhopper Penguin class parents only
<b>Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Special Christmas party lunch	Please order by Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December at the school office.
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Class Christmas parties	All children
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Last day of term	

## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE

Hi everyone,

What a start to this half term with our Copper challenge, we certainly have some very competitive classes! It's been an amazing success and means that the pond dipping equipment and bench for the pond will be well funded, thank you everyone for hunting out your coppers! Hopefully the bank staff will forgive us for the kilos and kilos of coppers we have taken in over the past few weeks. We are eager to see who will be the winning class to have some extra funds to choose something for their classroom. Keep an eye on our Facebook page where the winner will be announced, please don't be too disappointed if it's not your class as all the children will get to benefit from project pond!

There are still a few days left, the buckets will be collected on Friday so you have until the morning of the 4th to take your coppers into class, or anyone who wishes to make an online donation can do so via PayPal or bank transfer. Please put the name of the class in the reference and for every £1 donated we will add 356g to that class' bucket weight.

**If you use PayPal please remember we are your friends and tick friends and family option otherwise we won't get your full donation.**

PayPal – [llisfriendsof@gmail.com](mailto:llisfriendsof@gmail.com)

Bank account sort code 40-35-50 and account number 91413708

### Christmas Cards/Mugs etc -

Thank you to all who purchased cards and mugs - this has raised an amazing £396.63 for the school, brilliant effort. The orders will be delivered to school soon and will come home with the children in their book bags.

### **Halloween Trail**

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Halloween trail we raised £76 in donations and everyone seemed to have fun doing it. Thanks for your support.

### **School Lottery**

Don't forget we have started our school lottery with [yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk). Please think about joining in and trying to win, its only £1 a week. If we have 50 signed up for the year the school can receive over £1000 so it really is a great opportunity to have a little go and try and win whilst supporting your school. We have chosen to use your school lottery to administer this as whilst they take a cut it means that the committee are not overwhelmed with additional responsibilities.

You don't have to have a child at school to take part and anyone is welcome to support our school - grandparents, friends and relatives can all join in.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lodge-lane-infant-school>

### **Upcoming events...**

#### **Hamper Raffle**

We have 10+ very exciting hampers you could win. These include, but are not limited to: two cosy night in hampers with lovely soft blankets, treats for pampering and luxury, donated from parents and Dunelm; a kids hamper that is full of arts, crafts, books, a giant cuddly toy; Sweet Shed have donated a very tempting hamper of tasty treats; a movie snack hamper from Tesco; a sweets and biscuits hamper from ASDA; an eco hamper with reusable straws, vegetable bags, coffee cup etc donated from Earthglade and a parent. The hampers will be photographed and shared on our Facebook page over the coming weeks, keep checking out our page to see what could be won.

The hampers will be listed on our Facebook page and drawn in order, the winning tickets will be decided by a random number generator.

You can purchase as many tickets as you would like (£1 per ticket), please dig deep and support our school.

The draw closes at midday on 8th December 2020. Any tickets purchased after this time will not be entered into the draw. Every ticket purchased will be assigned a unique number and the numbers will be entered into the random number generator. The draw will take place after school on 9th December and the prizes must be collected from school from 10th December and before the last day of term. If you are unable to collect your prize due to self-isolating we will arrange a means to get your prize to you.

If you purchase your ticket via Scopay, your child's name will be recorded but if you purchase via PayPal please can you record your child's first name, initial of surname and class. If friends and family purchase a ticket via PayPal please can a name and telephone number be included so that we can arrange collection.

We ask that when you make payment via PayPal you pay using friends and family rather than goods and services as we are charged a fee.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Lodge-Lane-Infant-School>

## Christmas Cookies and letter from Santa

Sadly, there won't be any Santa's grottos this year due to the government guidelines regarding Covid-19, so instead, we're fundraising for the school with Cookies From Santa!

With the help of online cookie company 'Cookies That Count', you can order a 'Cookies From Santa' cookie box online for delivery to your home, or as a gift to other children that will be posted to them in December. We will receive 50% of the profits from every sale.

The cookie boxes are £4 which includes delivery. Each box will include two chocolate and cinnamon cookies, and a personalised letter from Santa.

Cookies can be ordered at: [www.goodeats.io/CookiesFromSanta](http://www.goodeats.io/CookiesFromSanta)

Select either the regular or gluten free cookies box, and then select LODGE LANE.

**Simply enter the name and address of the recipient into the information box** and your cookies will be sent out by first class post. The cookie store will be open 24 hours a day from 9am 1<sup>st</sup> December to 12pm 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Other ways to support your school...**

Easy fundraising and Amazon smile are also brilliant for the school to collect small donations without us having to ask you to put your hand in your pocket. Please sign up to these so we can collect little and often. Links can be found on our Facebook page for both these. Our next 'Friends Of' committee meeting will be on 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved.



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