

Newsletter – 15th December 2023



Happy Christmas

Acle Academy staff would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and we hope you enjoy your time together and have a wonderful rest from work and the normal routine. Our students have worked incredibly hard this term and have had some wonderful achievements that we are all so proud of. We hope they have a well-deserved break and enjoy spending time with their families and we look forward to seeing them all again in 2024.

Christmas Lunch



Yesterday, lots of students and staff enjoyed the school Christmas lunch provided by Norse Catering. Thank you to our Head Cook Donna and her team for a lovely lunch. One student booked a Rewards shop VIP lunch and was treated to a special place in the canteen, with additional treats.



We are part of...

WENSUMTRUST 

Imperial War Museum & Parliament Trip

On Tuesday 12th December 60 year 9's had the opportunity to take part in a Humanities trip to London.

In the morning we visited the Imperial War Museum, the world's leading museum of war and conflict. Founded while the First World War was still raging, it gives voice to the extraordinary experiences of ordinary people forced to live their lives in a world torn apart by conflict. Students had the opportunity to visit the permanent exhibitions which focused on the history and human experiences of the First and Second World War, both of which are covered in the Y9 History curriculum. We then had lunch at the museum before dashing over to Westminster Parliament.

We had a tour of Parliament, including the Old Hall, and we had the opportunity to visit both houses and watch the debates in action. We managed to spot a few famous politicians who were in Parliament to vote on a new Bill. The visit finished with an interactive workshop, where they will experience the law-making process through the five stages of a bill. Students will be encouraged to share diverse points of view in an active debate.

The students were a real pleasure to have on the trip and a delight to share the day with!


Thank you year 9! Mrs Skarin, Mr Sayce, Miss Evans, Miss Jarvis, and Mrs Webb.



Hippodrome

On Wednesday all of year 7 went to the Hippodrome in Great Yarmouth for a special Christmas performance. We were treated to spectacular circus, magic and water performances from an incredible international cast. Year 7 were an absolute credit to the school. A thoroughly enjoyable outing!





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ACLE FOODBANK & PATHWAY CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX

Two of our Christmas charities this year are the Acle Foodbank and Pathway. These are great causes and support a number of local people.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

-  **1** Students can bring their donations into school at any point and leave them in their form room.
-  **2** All boxes will be collected the morning of **Tuesday 19th December** during form time.
-  **3** Check out the list for the potential products you can donate.

This year for non-uniform day on Wednesday 20th December, rather than making a monetary donation we would love to encourage a practical donation from the lists.




PATHWAY CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX

- A soft drink
- Packet of crisps
- Sweet treat
- Deodorant (roll on)
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hat
- Socks
- Gloves
- A Christmas card - with a kind message from each form.

FOODBANK LIST

(Please check the use by date - this must not have passed)
Please note, only accept: tins, jars or packets - no perishables.

Christmas List

- Christmas sweet biscuits
- Hot Chocolate
- Christmas cake bar
- Mince Pies (with a long shelf life)
- Long life sponge puddings
- Crackers, cheese biscuits
- Small chocolate treats
- Long life milk (UHT) - dairy and plant based
- Tinned ham or Chicken
- Tinned fruit
- Squash

General List

- Breakfast Cereal
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Beans - baked beans, pulses, kidney beans, chickpeas, broad beans
- Tinned meat - i.e. ham, corned beef, hot dog sausages, pies or tinned meals, i.e. spag bol, ravioli, chilli con carne
- Tinned fish - i.e. tuna, mackerel, salmon
- Tinned vegetables - i.e. tomatoes, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, potatoes, mix veg
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit - i.e. peaches, fruit cocktail, satsumas, pineapple, pears
- Biscuits
- Soup
- Long life milk (UHT) - dairy and plant based
- Tinned pies
- Cup-a-soup
- Pot noodle
- Multipack crisps/snacks
- Spreads - i.e. jam, honey, meat paste
- Toiletries - deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
- Household items - laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
- Feminine products - sanitary towels and tampons

Tuesday 19th December, collection date.







The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) in Norfolk.

Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't. Children can take part in sport, cooking, crafts, dance and outdoor activities.

Find out more about this in our [FAQ section](#).

Activities are running on 21st-22nd December and 2nd-3rd January 2024 for 4-16 year olds.

What is Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - <https://youtu.be/UzZNnJkIOVw>

How to book your child onto Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activities - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2wH2GF-uws>

Online booking is now available for most providers visit:
<https://www.everymove.uk/inspiration/big-norfolk-holiday-fun-activities>

The flyer is for the 'Big Norfolk Holiday Fun' programme. At the top, it lists the logos for the Department for Education, Norfolk County Council, and active norfolk. The main headline asks 'Want to try something new during the winter holidays?' with dates '21st - 22nd Dec and 2nd - 3rd Jan'. It states that children eligible for free school meals can take part in free activity days. A photo shows children on a zipline. A list of activities includes Football and multi-sports, Water sports, Drama, Dance, Music, and Outdoor adventure activities. A QR code is provided for booking, along with the website 'www.everymove.uk'.

Department for Education Norfolk County Council active norfolk

Want to try something new during the winter holidays?

21st - 22nd Dec and 2nd - 3rd Jan

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals you can take part in free activity days over the holidays.

Book a session and drop in to see what it's like!

Choose from

- Football and multi-sports
- Water sports
- Drama
- Dance
- Music
- Outdoor adventure activities

And lots more!

Book today!
www.everymove.uk





Opening Times

From everyone at Stevensons, we're sending you our best wishes and a little note to say that we are closing our stores over the Christmas holidays so staff can spend time with their family and friends.

We're closed from 18th December until 1st January.

We re-open on the 2nd of January

You can still order for home delivery or Click and Collect once the store re-opens.

Festive. 



If your child's school tie clip breaks there is a FREEPOST service that can be used to gain a replacement. (Please make sure you include the broken tie, your name and return address)

**FREEPOST RTXL:HRHG-CCUA
Stevensons Returns
67 Ber Street
Norwich
NR1 3AD**





We have had a few cancellations over the last 2 weeks due to the weather conditions, however, our year 9 girls managed to squeeze in a netball game against Cliff Park and secured an impressive 8-2 win!

In PE lessons, we have just completed a fantastic 4 weeks of girls' rugby with the North Walsham Vikings, and we are looking forward to them coming back in to coach the boys in January!

The year 10 Sport Studies group represented the school well on the Go Ape trip where they had to apply their knowledge of safe practice to the high ropes course. Most of them even managed to complete the most advanced course - Well done all!

Please find a link below to the recent letter sent home to Parents and Carers regarding Personal Responsibility

[Important Notice Regarding Student Preparedness and Equipment - Personal Responsibility](#)



Sweets and Energy Drinks

We would like to gently remind families that we do not expect students to be coming into school with large quantities of sweets. We have noticed that some of our younger students seem to be filling up on sweets in the morning and then find it difficult to concentrate. If staff see students with large quantities of sweets, these will be confiscated. Likewise, students must not bring energy drinks or fizzy drinks to school- these are prohibited items. Thank you for your support.





The Santa Dash is on Tuesday 19th December during the morning. We are going to be raising money for EACH <https://www.each.org.uk/> Students will have a time slot in which they will complete as many laps of the field as possible (running or walking!). Please ensure that students who have signed up have suitable footwear with the mud on the field, suitable outerwear in case of bad weather too. Santa hats are encouraged and any festive wear! Donations can be made by those that are not participating in the event also. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/acle-academy-santa-dash2023> Thank you for your support!



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to
take part



**CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER**

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition





Reminder – School closes for the Christmas Break at 1pm on Wednesday 20th December. All transport will run at this time. A replacement bus service will operate for the First Bus 905 Service.



Safe Parking

Please may we remind parents **not** to park on the single yellow lines outside the school during drop off and pick up times, come into the school grounds during these busy times or park in the school lay by.

We have lots of buses and taxis that need to come into the school grounds and additional cars pose safety issues. Please can we urge all parents who collect their children to use the vast parking spaces available behind the Methodist Church. This is only a short distance from the school and will allow children to walk safely to and from school. Additionally, parents may choose to park on Mill Lane behind the school and children can exit via the back field.





Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving. If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information. This can be found at www.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

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['Help with living costs' link to more information](#)





Our online preloved uniform shop includes school uniform and sportswear and is accessed via our SumUp Shop by following this link:

<http://acle-academy-parent-teacher-association.sumupstore.com>

Items can be paid for online with suggested donations per item. The item can then be collected at a prearranged time with the PTA. If you have any uniform donations please drop these off to the school office.

PLEASE NOTE ANY NEW ORDERS AT THE MOMENT WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF THE NEW TERM IN 2024.

If you would like to join the PTA please contact them by email
pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk



Please remember to check ClassCharts

ClassCharts is our main form of communication to keep up to date with daily progress, updates and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate pride points, behaviour points and interventions. We also use this platform for parent announcements. As part of the home school agreement we ask parents to check this regularly, at least on a weekly basis. If your child has lost their log in, please ask their form tutor or the school office who will be able to provide child and parent login details. Parents and students can view a child's timetable via ClassCharts.

Scan the QR code to visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram



Useful Resources/Activities & links can be found [Here](#)

Rewards & Achievements News can be found [Here](#)

More Acle Academy News can be found [Here](#)



Contact details

The majority of our communication is electronic so it is really important that we maintain accurate records of parental contacts. If you change your email address or phone number, please inform the school office so we can ensure you receive important information.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20th December – School closes for the Christmas Break @ 1pm
– All transport home will operate at this time.

Thursday 4th January – All students return to school (Week 1 Timetable)

Tuesday 9th January – Year 9
Engagement Evening 6.30-8pm

Thursday 11th January – Year 11
Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Thursday 25th January - Year 9 Parents'
Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Thursday 1st February – Year 11
Revision Evening 6-7.30pm

Monday 12th February English
Engagement evening 6-7.15pm

Thursday 15th February - Year 9
Options evening 6-8pm

Friday 16th February –School closes for
half term break @ 3.30pm



Our Rural Hub Term Dates can be found [Here](#)

Our School Calendar can be found [Here](#)

