

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 Wednesday 18th December 2019 and the children start again on Monday 6th January 2020.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are going to take part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th 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.



CHILDREN IN NEED AND POPPIES

Thank you for all of your donations for Children In Need. The total amount raised was £175.00. We also sold a lot of poppies and merchandise this year and raised £272.17.

The School Council voted to donate the harvest collection money to 'Friend in Deed', a local charity that supports elderly people by creating friendships across generations, aiming to reduce loneliness and promote kindness.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair by donating prizes, helping on stalls and coming to the fair itself - we hope you enjoyed it. We don't have a total amount raised yet but will let you know when we do.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

A quick reminder that the Christmas performances are as follows and tickets will be sent out this week. Don't forget to order your DVD for children in Y1, via scopy, if you'd like one.



Wed 11 th Dec	9.15am	Y1
Wed 11 th Dec	2.15pm	YR
Thur 12 th Dec	9.15am	Y1
Thur 12 th Dec	2.15pm	YR

There will be a collection for Save the Children at each performance



CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTIES

These are on Wednesday 18th December to finish off the term. Please make sure you have ordered your lunch.

Children can come to school dressed in party clothes if they wish but please remember they still need to be suitably dressed to go outside at playtime and lunchtime.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children are welcome to bring Christmas cards to give to their friends but they need to give them out before or after school on the playground.

Y2 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Just to remind you that Y2 children will be singing carols on the back playground from 2.15pm on Monday 16th December and you are welcome to come for refreshments from 2.00pm.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Some of the Y2 children have chosen to be in the Christmas Choir - some will be going to sing at Morrisons, some at the school community lunch and some at the Norwich Central Baptist Church.

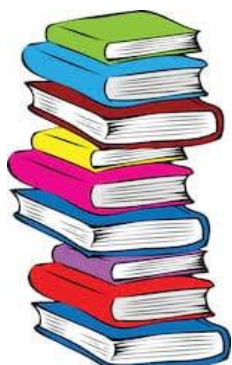
OFSTED INSPECTION

As you know we had an Ofsted Inspection on 19th and 20th November and as soon as we have the report we will send it out to you. Thank you for your good wishes and positive comments through cards, chocolates and the Parent View online survey – everything helped keep us going through those gruelling two days.

BARRY THE THERAPY DOG

Barry the 'Pets as Therapy' dog has been back in school working with children and we would like to say thank you to Vicki Bowden for continuing to give up her time! Barry loves stories and would like the chance to join each class at story time at some point over the year. If this would not be right for your child please let your class teacher know so that we can make alternative arrangements.

LIBRARY UPDATE



As you know we are refurbishing our library and after a long delay the work has finally started. The back wall has been re-plastered and the whole room has been decorated. The door has been turned round as the School Council from last year wanted the door to open outwards so you feel like you are opening a book as you walk into the library. Staff, with help from School Council from last year and this year, along with the Library Crew, have sorted through the books and taken any old and tatty books off the system. The next stage is to make a final decision on the furniture – it's all very exciting and we are extremely grateful to the PTA for funding this project.

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Well done to the children who are in this half term's Musical Theatre club – on Friday evening they performed their dance to an audience at the Puppet Theatre and did a great job. All children will see them perform during assembly before the end of term – it is a new club that we have introduced this year and we will continue with it as it has been very popular.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We are aware that lots of children like to give out sweets and treats to their classmates when it is their birthday. We are very happy for this to happen but because of allergies, parental preference and potential choking hazards of some sweets, we will tell children they must wait until after school and after checking with their parents and carers before they open and eat them. Boiled sweets and lollies are definitely a hazard when the children run around the playground with them in their mouths and we will explain this to the children.

PARKING

If you are parking at the front of the school please remember not to park on the zig-zags or the speed humps.



If you are parking near the back gate, please be considerate towards our residents and make sure they can get in and out of their driveways safely. Children are reminded to wait for parents at the gate for safety reasons so please support us with this. If you have to park right near the gate, please be extra careful in case children run out suddenly.

NEWS FROM THE 'FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE'

What an end to the Autumn Term! The committee have been very busy this term with lots of fundraising, our 5p challenge was a huge success and we have agreed to use this money at the request of staff to purchase a school's dinosaur for Go Go dinosaurs for £600/£700. We are sure the children will love being involved in decorating the dinosaur and then hunting for it in the city.

We have been incredibly grateful for our support this year from sponsorships and a big shout out to Norfolk Recovery, Tori's Cut and Twilights and Avian Dance school. We have also had some amazing raffle donations for our Christmas Fair - thank you all.

Our Christmas Fair was a great success and couldn't have happened without the amazing support of our volunteers, staff and committee who give up so much time to make these events work. We really need parents/friends to join us on the committee and as volunteers to keep these events happening. Please have a chat to one of us - it really is good fun and an amazing team.

In the last month we found out we have gained charity status. This is an amazing achievement and gives us greater opportunities to raise funds through grants, match funding and gift aid. Please watch this space for further information in the new year.

This term we have purchased for the school:

Two-way radios for Forest School and other activities to keep children safe and improve communication helping to keep finite staff resources where they need to be.

- Sensory equipment
- Crackers for every pupil for Christmas lunch
- Christmas present for every pupil
- Books for the library
- Dolls' house toys for Reception
- Live Music Week performance from the Norfolk Music Hub
- Various Christmas decorations including new Father Christmas suits

Many thanks for all your support we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with families and friends making special memories.

The Friends of Lodge Lane Infant School Committee

Charity number 116022

THE GOLDEN BOOK

Well done to the following children who were in the Golden Book in November

EMERALD CLASS		DIAMOND CLASS	
Jacob		Tommy	
Frankie		Calvin	
Harriet		Finlay	
Ruby		Catherine	
JADE CLASS	SAPPHIRE CLASS	TOPAZ CLASS	
Vilte	Emilia	Harry	
Marlie	Oliver	Olivia	
Katie	Lewie	Annabelle	
Theo	Noah	Bethany	
PEARL CLASS	AMETHYST CLASS	MOONSTONE CLASS	
Theo	Lila	George	
Leo	Thomas	Dante	
Oliver	Joshua	Laiba	
		Zac	

Max the Bear enjoyed his weekends with Lucy, Joseph and Hugo