



39 sleeps to Christmas!!!!

We are now three weeks into this half term; already lots has happened and there is a great deal more to come before Christmas!

We have had a number of sporting fixtures recently; as is the norm, the children have approached these in a very positive and sporting manner and we have had a great deal of success (see below for more details).

Last week we had our families' week where parents/carers were invited in to have lunch and spend time with their children during lunchtime. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend; the whole week went really well and we appreciate all your positive comments. A huge thank you to our cook Angel and her brilliant team and also to Mrs Watts and all our MSAs for ensuring that the week went well.

The children enjoyed the PTFA Halloween discos on October 17th; these made a fantastic profit of £700. Thank you to all the PTFA members who came along to help on the night and to the whole committee for all their help in organising the discos. As previously mentioned, the PTFA have already donated £5,000 towards some new play equipment and will add to this amount through their fundraising work this year. We hope to have some new and exciting permanent play equipment installed in the New Year.

Our Shoebox appeal has resulted in over 60 packed shoeboxes, which will be soon on their way to Eastern Europe. Thank you very much to all the parents/carers and children who contributed to this very worthwhile project and to Miss Comfort for organising it.

Last week, 44 Year 6 pupils were awarded their Sports Leader badges. Our 16 house captains automatically become Sports Leaders; the other 28 children were chosen from applications from Year 6 pupils. I was really impressed with the quality of many of the applications - well done to all the children who were selected.

This week has been particularly busy too. All the teachers have been talking to the children about respect and tolerance as part of anti-bullying week and today we have all enjoyed our events to raise money for Children in Need. See below for total amount raised.

Next week we are having our 'Open Mornings', giving Year 2 parents from our feeder infant schools a chance to look around the school and see us in action before making decisions about junior school preferences. A large number of parents have already booked in for a tour of the school.

Preparations have already begun for our annual carol service at St Peter Mancroft Church on Wednesday 5th December with our wonderful musicians and singers getting ready for this important event. We hope to see many of you there.

Thank you to all those parents who have sent in cards and best wishes for Mr Stanley. Myself and Mrs Wilson delivered them in person yesterday and he was very pleased to receive them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paul Henman
Acting Headteacher

Message from Chair of Governors

Parent Governor Vacancy

In the September newsletter I confirmed that there was a vacancy for a parent governor and invited any parent to express an interest. I received an application form proposing and seconding Matthew Lambert to this vacancy. Matthew's application is going through the necessary procedures at the moment. If no other parent is proposed and seconded by Friday 30th November, Matthew will be duly appointed and no election will be necessary.

I thought it would be helpful to confirm who is on the Governing Board and their lead responsibilities. Chris Wilson-Town – chair of governors and pupil premium lead, Josie Rayner-Wells – vice chair of governors and safeguarding lead, Neil Dyas – chair of personnel, premises and finance committee and science lead, Vicky Myers – chair of children, curriculum and standards committee and SEND lead, Rev. Paul Seabrook – RE and attendance lead, Tom Mitchell – health and safety lead, Claudette Bannock – local authority link and sports premium lead. At our October meeting, we welcomed Mickey Holmes as a co-opted governor. Mickey agreed to become mathematics lead. In addition, Paul Henman is on the Governing Board as staff governor / acting headteacher, and we are very pleased to have Mary Wilson supporting us. There are 'pen portraits' of the governors on the school's website and we hope to have updated photos of all of us in the school entrance area in the near future.

One of the key responsibilities of the Governing Board is to 'establish the vision, values and objectives for the school'. At our next meeting we will be revisiting 'Learning for a Fuller Life' and all the elements that make up 'Our Vision', which you can find on the website. We want children to become caring, respectful and tolerant members of their community, which is why the Governing Board is very pleased that the school is seeking to become a School of Sanctuary. You can read Mrs Potter's explanation about what this means elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are also wanting our children to become confident and resilient young people. The resilience of us all has been greatly tested by Paul Stanley's serious illness and knowing that he will be undergoing very significant treatment. Paul's recent letter shows his own resilience and confidence in the specialists supporting him. The Governing Board will do everything possible to support Paul and his family, and to ensure that the current school leadership arrangements continue. Like Paul Stanley, we have complete confidence in Paul Henman, Mary Wilson and the whole school staff.

I'm sure that we all hold Paul Stanley and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

As always if there is anything you would like to comment about the school's vision and priorities, please let us know. Likewise if you want to know more about the work of the Governing Board. I can be contacted through the school office or please speak to Paul Henman.

Chris Wilson-Town

Dogs Trust Appeal

Due to the fantastic response to last year's Dogs Trust Appeal I am again collecting for them this Christmas. Items that would be suitable are; blankets, dog toys, treats, food etc. There will be a box outside 6LP for you to place your items.

All donations greatly appreciated.



Amy Smith 6LP



Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property in school at the moment. All named uniform has been returned to the child. However there is a large amount unnamed. If your child is missing anything could you please come in after school and take a look. Many Thanks.

PTFA Bingo & Chips

The PTFA will be hold two Bingo and Chips evenings.

Year 3&4 - Thursday 22nd
November 3-4.45pm



Year 5&6 - Thursday 29th
November 3-4.45pm

If your child would like to attend then please pay on School Money.

Children in Need

Today we have raised £1040

For children in need.

Well done to all Year 6 children who arranged fun stalls at lunchtime and to our cook Mrs Street for making our Pudsey Bear cookies.

Thank you for all of your donations.



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Children
in Need

Schools of Sanctuary

This academic year, we are going to be working towards a very exciting and worthwhile scheme called Schools of Sanctuary. A School of Sanctuary is a school that is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all, especially those seeking sanctuary. This could be people whose lives were in danger in their own country, those who have troubles at home or are just looking for a space of safety. Watch this space for updates as we progress on our journey.



Mrs Potter

Cross Country

So far this year, the children have had two league cross country races. We compete against 19 other schools and each race has over 100 children in. So far the boys team are in 3rd place and we also have Logan in 1st place individually as he has finished 1st in both of the races. In the last race at Falcon Junior School we also had Dylan and Ethan (both from year 4) finish in the top 20 which is a fantastic achievement. The girls team have also had a good start to the season and are currently in 6th place overall with Aaliyah currently in 9th place individually.



We also entered the Partnership cross country event on the 1st of November. It was a very wet day but this didn't put off any of the 71 children we took. They all ran with great energy and enthusiasm and they finished with some

fantastic results. At the end of the day we had 14 children from across the 4 year groups finish in the top 10 and qualify for the next round of the Norfolk Schools Games (which will take place in March). To top this off we finished in first place as a school out of 23 teams. Well done to all the children that took part.

Mrs Green

Football matches

Girls' Football

On a very wet Tuesday 30th October, the Year 6 girls played in the Dracup at the newly established 'Nest'. Unbeaten in their group (beating Firside and Poringland, and drawing with Avenue), they faced Old Catton in the semi-final and won 2-0. The final was against St William's and in a very closely fought match they were beaten in the 2nd half of extra time. The girls played some amazing football in such dreary conditions and, as always, represented the school fantastically.

Only a week later, but on a very different day with the sun shining, the Year 6 girls played in the partnership football tournament.



They started strongly, winning convincingly against Mattishall and Astley but unfortunately losing to Firside. They went through to the quarter finals as group runners up (having scored 9 goals and only conceding 2) where they faced a very defensive Cawston team. They worked hard and played with some fantastic flair but unfortunately couldn't hit the target and lost the game 2-0. The girls knew this meant that they couldn't reach the finals but it didn't stop them. They had one game left (5th place playoff) where they faced Scarning. Determined to finish the day with a win, they didn't disappoint, winning the game 2-0. They played with fantastic attitudes, team work and fair play all day.

Mrs Moulton and Mrs Green

Y6 Football

Our Year 6 boys team have played one match this half-term in the cup versus Poringland Primary. They once again played brilliantly as a team and ended up winning comfortably 5-1. They are now through to the quarter finals.



Mr Loughlin

Y5 Football

The Year 5 boys played their last league fixture against Horsford, winning a hard fought game 2-1. They finished the league as runners up. We are looking forward to resuming our cup campaign against St. Williams after Christmas.

Mr Hollidge

Parking

Please could we ask that parents and other visitors to the school do not park in the disabled space by the main office unless they hold a blue badge. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of situations where a disabled driver has been unable to use the parking space due to someone using it inappropriately.



Thank you.

Christmas Dinner

You can now order your Child's Christmas Dinner online on School Money, in the shop section. At the usual price of £2.20.



Please place your order by **Friday 30th November**.

Coats to School Please!

As the weather gets colder, can you please ensure that your child wears a coat to school, and that the coat is clearly labelled with your child's name (along with all other items of clothing!) We try and ensure the children are outside at break and lunchtimes unless the weather is particularly bad, so it's important that all children have a coat in school, even if they're brought to school by car.



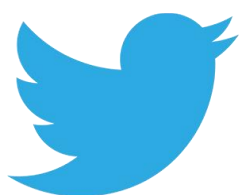
Travelling Book Fair

**Monday 26th
November to Monday
3rd December
3-4pm each day in
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November	
Mon 19th - Thurs 22nd	Open mornings for Yr 2 parents (tours at 10:30am each day)
Mon 19th	NSPCC workshops for Yr 6 children
Tues 20th	Yr 6 Gressenhall trip
Thurs 22nd	NSPCC workshops for Yr 5 children
Thurs 22nd	Bingo and Chips Yr 3/4
Mon 26 th – Mon 3 rd	Travelling Book Fair 3-4pm in the Library
Thurs 29th	Bingo and Chips Yr 5/6
December	
Tues 4th	Carol service walk through
Tues 4th	Choir to sing at Oak Court
Weds 5th	Carol Service at St Peter Mancroft Church; rehearsal at 11:30am, service at 7:30pm
w/b Mon 10th	Christmas Lunches (Yr 3 to Yr 6)
Mon 17th	PTFA Christmas Disco
Tues 18th	End of Autumn Term
January	
Thurs 3rd	Spring term begins
Mon 7th	Bags to School sent home today
Fri 11th	Interim reports out to parents
Weds 16th	Learning reviews (3-6:30pm)
Thurs 24th	Learning reviews (4-8pm)
Thurs 24th	Deadline for Bags to School to be returned
February	
Fri 8th	PTFA Quiz and Chips
Fri 15th	Last day of half-term
Mon 25th	New half-term starts for staff and children
March	
w/b Mon 4th	Book week
Thurs 7th	World Book Day
Tues 12th	Cake Concert
Fri 15th	Comic Relief
Weds 27th - Fri 29th	Yr 6 Caythorpe Residential Trip

April	
Wed 3rd	PTFA Easter Disco
Fri 5th	End of Spring Term for children
Tues 23rd	Summer Term starts for staff and children
May	
Weds 8th	Learning reviews (3-6:30pm)
w/b Mon 13th	SATs week
Thurs 16th	Learning reviews and Yr 6 open evening (4-8pm)
Thurs 23rd	PTFA BBQ (4:30-7:30pm)
Fri 24th	End of half-term
June	
Mon 3rd	Start of half-term for staff and children
Weds 12th	Summer concert (6pm)
Thurs 13th	Summer concert (9:15am)
Fri 21st	Music showcase to Yr 2/Yr 3 children (new time of 10:30am)
Tues 25th	Yr 2/Yr 3 multi-sports event
Weds 26th	New Yr 3 parents meeting (6-8pm)
Thurs 27th	Yr 3/Yr 4 sports day
Fri 28th	Yr 5/Yr 6 sports day
July	
Fri 5th	Transfer Day (provisional date)
Mon 15th	End of year reports sent out to parents
Tues 16th	Yr 6 show (1:30pm)
Weds 17th	Yr 6 show (6pm)
Mon 22nd	Yr 6 awards assembly (9am)
Tues 23rd	PTFA disco and leavers' BBQ
Weds 24th	Leavers' breakfast Leavers' service End of Summer Term

TERM DATES 2018-2019

2018 / 2019	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Thursday 6 th September	Thursday 18 th October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 29 th October	Tuesday 18 th December
Spring Term 1	Thursday 3 th January	Friday 15 th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 25 th February	Friday 5 th April
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 23 rd April	Friday 24 th May
Summer Term 2	Monday 3 rd June	Wednesday 24 th July
INSET DAYS	<i>4th and 5th September 2018</i>	
	<i>18th October 2018</i>	
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	<i>Monday 6th May 2018</i>	

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Dates for Staff Training Days may need to be altered.
Notice will be given if this proves to be necessary.***

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