



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

We hope that everyone in your families are keeping safe and well. Attendance in school has been excellent overall, and we are pleased to report that there are no known of Covid related illnesses at the present time.

Thank you to everyone who has been adhering to advice and wearing masks on school property, testing and reporting results where necessary, and generally keeping us up to date when a child is unwell.

We are pleased that this particular Newsletter has lots of good news!

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Children in Need appeal earlier this month. We are pleased to inform you that the collection of £388 has been sent off to the appeal. Many thanks to Mrs Rowbotham, Treasurer of our PTA, for counting and banking the funds.

## EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Mrs Lee and the staff in EYFS and KS1 have been working very hard to be able to put something together ready for the forthcoming festive season. It is still all in the "production and rehearsal" stages at the moment, but as soon as we are able to, we will be pleased to share something with parents/carers of EYFS and KS1, which will help to put you in the festive spirit!

## Salvation Army Collection



We would like to offer a very big thank you for all the wonderful donations that we have received in favour of the Salvation Army Christmas collection. Not only have we had some super chocolates and festive goodies (which the Admin. Team have been very tempted to sample!), we have also received some wonderful cards. Members of our local community, many of whom would not otherwise receive any Christmas mail at all, will enjoy the children's amazing artwork.

The collection has been gathered and quarantined at our main office, and will be collected later this week by a member of the Salvation Army for them to quarantine before they can make up parcels for distribution, but we thought you might like to see our wonderful collection – pictures will be displayed on our website.

## Non-Uniform Days

As you may be aware from our recent Parentmail and Newsletter communications, we plan to have two non-uniform days in school at the end of term, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children may of course wear Christmas jumpers if they wish to on these days, but we are suggesting Christmas socks on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> with a suggested donation of £1. This year's Christmas donations will be in favour of "Santa's Sock Day" which is being organised by Inspire Suffolk, a local charity who have been supporting families in need. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, they have also established a new Wellbeing Service, to provide counselling services to young people from Suffolk and Norfolk experiencing difficulties with mental health.

## Change of Menu – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that there will be a slight change to the menu on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. As the last two meals of the term are "meal-in-a-bag" style, we will not be offering the usual mid-week "take away" style meal. However, the lunch will be:

Burger with Crispy Diced Potatoes & Beans, followed by Flapjack

## Christmas Celebrations – Pantomime Season!

We are saddened that we are unable to celebrate Christmas in the normal way in school. This year there will be no watching of the younger children's Nativity, or our KS2 Carol Service, and our usual VIP in red will not be able to make an appearance in school – we have it on good authority that he will be self-isolating to ensure that he is well enough for the 24<sup>th</sup>! So this year we have come up with a different celebration.

Many of you may be aware of the Rock n' Roll pantomimes that the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich perform each year. In line with regulations, they are offering limited seated performances, along with streamed performances of their live production.

On the last day of term, after lunch, the children will be treated to a performance of "The Snow Queen". This will be streamed to the classrooms for the children to watch on the big screens. Children may bring a small snack with them to eat during the performance, such as popcorn, but please remember **no snacks that may contain nuts due to allergies.**

We would like to thank the parents of Year 4, who when their children were in Year 3 last term and we were experiencing lockdown, collected a sum of money and donated it to the school to be used to support our children. They have very kindly agreed that this, along with a donation from Felixstowe Port Users Association, can be used to fund this experience for the children.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>** Menu Change **</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Christmas Sock Day & Non-Uniform
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last Day of Autumn Term "The Snow Queen" Rock n' Roll Panto & Non-Uniform
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 – Christmas Holidays</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term