

KEY DIARY DATES

- 18th November** - RC Trip to Library
12.45pm to 3pm
- 19th November** - Y3 Learning café
'Fossils' 2pm
- 19th November** - Y6 Learning café
'Blitz of London' 1.45pm
- 21st November** - YR Learning café
'Numicon and maths' 1.45pm
- 25th November** - Y3/4 Sportshall
Athletics
- 27th November to 3rd December** -
Book Fair lunch time and after
school
- 28th November** - Nursery open
morning (January intake)
- 29th November** - Christmas Light
Switch on, Sheringham Town
- 5th December** - Christmas Lunch (last
orders 20th November)
- 7th December** - Christmas Disco 2pm
to 4pm
- 9th December** - Y4 Learning Café

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. The children are all working well in school and we are particularly delighted with the quality of their English work following the introduction of The Literacy Tree where work is centred around a whole text. The children appear to be really engaged with this and are very keen to write which is sometimes half of the battle! If they haven't told you about the books they are studying then please ask them.

As the weather is turning a lot colder now please can we ask that all children have a suitable named coat in school to keep them warm outside.

Planning is already in place for Christmas performances which I am sure will be spectacular as usual. This period in school is always a special one as children's excitement builds towards the festive period.

As always, your comments about school are always welcome and we do take on board any feedback we receive.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Carter

SWIMMING

We are lucky enough to provide swimming lessons in all of our KS2 year groups as we believe strongly that all of our children should be able to swim due to our proximity to the sea and it is a National Curriculum expectation. For those that haven't quite got there yet in Years 5 and 6 we do offer additional sessions at Woodlands but unfortunately the uptake on these has been quite low. This is a fantastic free opportunity, which very few other schools would be able to offer, for children to learn in a small group with a qualified swimming instructor so please, if you are offered a place, take it up!

HEALTHY SNACKS

Can we please remind you that as a Healthy School our policy is to have healthy snacks at playtime. We are increasingly seeing crisps and chocolate at playtimes and obviously they are allowed these with their packed lunch but could you possibly offer your child/children a healthier snack for playtime? A cereal bar or fruit perhaps?

We thank you for your support with this as we strive to continue being a Healthy School.



YEAR 6 COOKERY

As the smell of cabbage slowly fades from 6P we felt we wanted to share with you some pictures of our DT cooking days. Last week Year 6 gave Bake Off and Masterchef a run for their money. Supporting their learning on World War Two, and the impact of rationing our children were challenged to produce their own lunch from available foods. The lunchtime menu consisted of vegetable stew with cheese and potato dumplings and finished with an oaty biscuit. Each class took their turn to work together in small groups to create their meals before sitting down to share their meal. This activity was thoroughly enjoyed by the children with many of them developing new culinary skills.

In the children's own words -

'It was a new experience and I really enjoyed it'

'We worked well as a team which was really important for this lesson'

'The combinations of the vegetables and thickness of the gravy made it delicious'

We were delighted to continue the cooking experience into the homework, (particularly when we got the opportunity to taste test) and have been wowed by the dishes the children have been creating with you at home - cakes - biscuits - stews - lasagnes - pasties - what a wonderful set of cooks we have.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday the 13th December we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day when children can don their festive woollies. We are asking for a £1 donation per child which will go towards the finishing of the cookery classroom together with a donation to Save the Children.

PARKING

Please remember that according to the Highway Code you can't PARK, WAIT or even STOP momentarily to drop off or pick up passengers on zig zag lines. The yellow zig-zag lines that are painted on the road outside the school have been put there for a reason. This is to keep the area free from vehicles to make sure that all children can get into and out of school safely. Please stick to the rules.

GR8 AS U R

Last week on the 8th November the whole school had a GR8 AS U R workshop. This introduced some new schemes for use around the school to promote self esteem and resilience as well as helping others. Unfortunately Year 3 were out on a trip but they will have their workshop in the next few weeks.

The following day Nursery, Year 1 and 2 all had a fantastic time watching Ollie Day perform Dizzio's Magic Show. This show both amazed and engaged the children, even the little ones..

OPERA PROJECT

18 children from Year 5 head to the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 13th November to perform an abridged version of The Magic Flute by Mozart with over 300 children from other schools from around the county. As well as taking part they will also get to see some of the best young musicians from around the country perform and squeeze in a visit to The Natural History Museum. All in all an action packed day!

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, as many of you are well aware, we were hit by a nasty sickness bug before half term which has meant that our attendance for the term so far has dropped below our 96% target to 95.09%. Well done to 5S who are the leading class at the moment for the term with 97.53% attendance.

Please remember that we only authorise holidays taken in exceptional circumstances, otherwise you will be referred for a fixed penalty notice if 5 or more days are taken. We have noticed one or two instances where children have been unwell prior to or after a holiday (limiting the number of holiday days taken) so please do not be offended if, in the future, we ask for further proof of the length of your holiday duration on return for our records.

PTA UPDATE

We're making great progress on our cookery classroom but still need extra funds to finish, so please support the following fundraising activities as best you can.

Also, we need your help! We're a small team and always need more volunteers! We had a very disappointing turn out to our AGM last week, but big thank you to those who left their supper and came along when we called. If you have any time and can help us with any activities please e-mail us: sheringhamprimarypta@googlegroups.com

We will be doing a Christmas Disco and Fun Day for the children instead of a Christmas Fair this year, as well as a Coffee Morning & Raffle:

CHRISTMAS DISCO - Sat 7th Dec 2-4pm, School Hall - £4 per child, includes Santa visit & present. Tuck shop, tombola etc. Book your space at school office.

CHRISTMAS FUN DAY – Fri 13th Dec. Wear your Christmas jumper £1, enter baking competition £1. Buy cakes etc. More coming soon on this.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING – Fri 13th Dec, 8.45-11am, School Hall – mince pies and second hand uniform.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – selling tickets at all the Christmas performances. Donations of raffle prizes very welcome!

Many thanks

The PTA team

RAFFLE PRIZES

Any good quality prizes suitable for the Christmas Draw would be gratefully received. Please drop off at the school office. Many thanks.

FOREST SCHOOL

Our new groups started in September and will continue until Christmas. These new groups are very much self-led as all the children are familiar with the Forest School activities on offer. We have been exploring the changes and colours during autumn. The crafts made from natural materials have been popular with the children, making shakers, bows and arrows, necklaces, flags, spinning tops and tapping sticks.



HORTICULTURE

Our new horticulture lessons started in September, these are held in the school garden. The main tasks for the past term have been clearing and preparing the garden as it had gone slightly wild!

The children have really enjoyed getting stuck in and helping with all the jobs that needed doing. We have just started to plant in the last few weeks and have started off with beans, garlic and onions. We have also been propagating some herbs for the new areas. This week we had the arrival of our two school guinea pigs, Willow and Hazel which the children will help to care for during these sessions.

Please note any child attending outdoor learning sessions must come prepared with warm old clothing and a waterproof coat.

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