

# NEWSLETTER

News updates from Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery



## KEY DIARY DATES

**9th December - KS1 Christmas Dinner**  
**10th December - KS2 Christmas Dinner**  
**10th December - Year 5 Christmas Party**  
**13th December - 1T Christmas Performance**  
**13th December - 2S Christmas Performance**  
**13th December - Year 3 Christmas Party**  
**13th December - Year 4 Christmas Party**  
**14th December - 1B Christmas Performance**  
**14th December - 2B Christmas Performance**  
**14th December - Year 6 Christmas Party**  
**15th December - RK Christmas Performance**  
**16th December - RC Christmas Performance**  
**16th December - Live Stream Panto**  
**Jack & The Beanstalk**  
**17th December - Reception Christmas Party**  
**17th December - Last Day of Term**

**6th January 22 - Return to school**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

Well the time is certainly flying by and we are well into the fantastic time of year when lots of Christmas practising is taking place. It is just so lovely to see the joy on the children's faces. Our fabulous outside Christmas tree is up and twinkling (many thanks to Sheringham Estate for the donation) and the stages have been set for the nativities and filmings.

As we are all aware, covid is still with us and so can we please urge you to continue following the guidance of extra hand-washing and individuals isolating and getting tested should they display any of the 3 main symptoms. If you report your child as ill and mention any of these symptoms please do be offended if we ask you to get them a PCR test before they return to school – it's for everyone's health and well-being. Following updated DfE guidance, all staff and visitors are now wearing face coverings once again in communal areas.

Take care, stay safe and be kind,

Mrs Carter

## ATTENDANCE

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:45 / 9.00 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Attendance Target 96.0%

Attendance This Half Term so far 93.45%

Attendance This Year so far 94.31%

Punctuality is really important to avoid missing any learning or disrupting the learning of others. This half term so far 123 'lates' have been recorded in the registers totalling over 18 hours of lost learning. KS2 start at 8.45am and YR/KS1 start at 9.00am, please do try to be on time, it is so important that the children have a settled start to the day and we do make every minute count!

## CROSS COUNTRY

We were delighted to take a group of Y3/4/5/6 pupils to Beeston Hall School for an local inter-school cross country competition. As usual, our children represented the school fantastically and we were so proud of their efforts. Overall SCPS&N finished 3<sup>rd</sup> which is an excellent achievement – well done all!



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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Are you eligible and not claiming Free School Meals? If so, you could be missing out on valuable vouchers in the holidays.

Children and young people who are eligible for means-tested free school meals will receive food vouchers over the Christmas 2021-22 and February 2022 half-term holidays. Over the Christmas holidays, each eligible child will receive £55 in vouchers and at half-term they will receive £15. The vouchers can be ordered via the school and used in any supermarket.

If you have not completed an application to claim free school meals for your child (even if they do not always wish to have them) or think you are eligible, then please contact the office for an application form.

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## NEWS FROM YEAR 2

In Year 2, as part of our DT project, we have been designing and making Gingerbread biscuits. The children had great fun measuring out ingredients, mixing, rolling and baking, but the best bit was decorating them, and of course eating them!



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## YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE STONE AGE

On Wednesday 24th November, Year 3 went to Gressenhall to travel back in time and live as a Stone Age child. The day spanned from the Paleolithic to the Neolithic Age and the children were so excited to be immersed in this. We looked at farming tools and equipment and the children got a chance to use some tools and a plough that would have been used by Stone Age people. They also got a chance to use a quern stone to grind wheat into flour. The children learnt that they needed to grind for an hour to create enough flour to make bread for one person!! We were

able to touch some animal furs and build our own shelter using traditional techniques. The children were taught that, when the Stone Age people started keeping animals, they had to be able to move their homes to find grazing and food for their livestock.

We had a chance to hunt a wild boar and hunt as a pack stalking through the wood. We also looked at traditional hunting methods and spear throwing and the making of spear throwers! This was such an important skill as well as gathering berries, nettles, fruits and herbs as the meat provided protein for the Stone Age people to survive off. We watched some flint knapping and then got a chance to strip the bark off a piece of wood with the side of a flint. The children were so resilient and were surprised to learn that you might have to do this for hours to create a stripped piece of wood big enough for a bow or an axe head.

The children's behaviour was incredible and we all won awards from the Gressenhall staff for being the best classes at hunting and den building. It was such a pleasure to take the children and their exemplary behaviour and knowledge of the Stone Age was particularly commented on as being fantastic! It was truly lovely for us to be able to go on a school trip again – long may this continue. Thank you to you all for making it happen as the children had such a wonderful day!!! There were a few sleepy heads on the coach trip home – the sign of a great day!!



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## NEWS FROM YEAR 5

Over the last few weeks Year 5 have been working on the Michael Morpurgo book 'Kasper Prince of Cats'. We launched this book with a virtual tour of London, the Savoy Hotel, and an afternoon tea, which the children greatly enjoyed. The book took the children onto The Titanic which they found very interesting. They completed the unit by writing diary excerpts as different class passengers full of anticipation and hope as they boarded the greatest unsinkable ship of the time!

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## STEM CLUB

At STEM Club, this term, the children have been engineering a marble run using scrap materials.

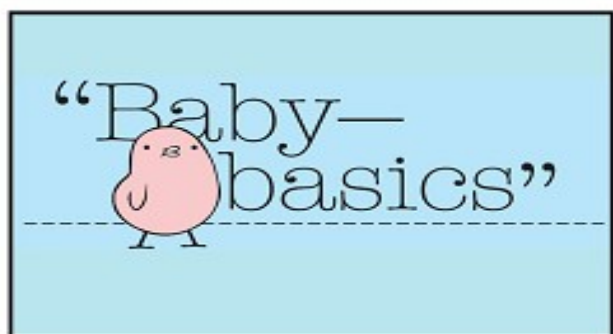
The brief was to design and build a run that would last exactly 30 seconds.

This proved to be a great challenge, with lots of trial and improvement, leading to some outstanding results.



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## CHARITY APPEAL



Can you help?

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby.

Baby Basics started in Sheffield but is now a local charity which Mrs McCaig is supporting. There is an ever increasing network of Baby Basics centres across the country each staffed by a committed team of volunteers.

Baby Basics provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves; including but not limited to teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking.

Baby Basics relies on donations so if you are able to help out by buying or passing on any of the items listed for the Moses basket starter packs we; and all the new mums; would be extremely grateful. A few extra items in your shopping basket each week can change someone's life.

Every item given away through Baby Basics is donated by someone in our local community and sorted by our team of volunteers. Our aim is for everything to be a gift showing care and love.

Our most frequently requested items are Moses baskets, clothing, pushchairs, toys and toiletries.

The full list of what we need is below:

New items (in unopened packets only from this category please)

- Maternity pads
- Sanitary towels
- Hand soap
- Baby soap
- Baby shampoo
- Mum shampoo
- Newborn nappies
- Baby wipes

Good condition (second hand items are great from this category)

- Moses baskets
- Newborn clothing
- Bedding
- Towels

If any of you lovely people can help please do not hesitate to drop your donations off at school for the attention of Suzanne McCaig and I will use them when making Moses baskets up for families that need them over the festive period. All your donations will help a family in need. Thank you so much in advance.

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## LAYERING UP

As the weather turns colder outside we would encourage you to send the children to school with layers on as we are still keeping the classrooms well ventilated due to Covid 19. If they get too hot they can always remove a layer. Please also remember that all children should have a warm, waterproof coat in school. Outdoor time is encouraged still but we need the children to be warm enough.





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## END OF TERM CHRISTMAS VIDEOS AND PRODUCTION

It's been very busy in the Music Room over the last few weeks.

In Key Stage 2, the children have been rehearsing their songs ready to be filmed for their Christmas videos.

While in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, everyone has been working hard on their productions and are getting very excited about performing to a real live audience in the last week of term.

Please keep an eye out for letters on Parentmail about dates, costumes and what to wear information.

The Key Stage 2 Christmas Videos will aim to go live on the school website at the end of term.

We'll let you know when they are available to view.

Filming Days for Key Stage 2:

Children to wear Christmas Jumpers, festive headgear, bright clothes etc on these days.

Year 3 Tuesday 7th December

Year 4 Thursday 9th December

Year 5 Monday 6th December

Year 6 Wednesday 8th December

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Productions.

Please check the school calendar for performance times and dates.

Please remember you will need to have booked seats in advance through Parentmail.

Best Wishes  
Mr. Cooper



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## STAFFING

As I am sure many of you are aware, Mrs Tweedale has decided to take early retirement from the end of this term. We of course wish her the very best for the future and thank her hugely for everything she has done for our school but particularly her championing of those with special needs. Our new SENCO from January will be Mrs Cat Wall and we are looking forward to welcoming her to our fantastic team.

We currently are currently recruiting so please check our website for details: <https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/home/vacancies/>

Also, if you would be interested in becoming a relief cleaner, midday supervisor or Bright Stars play worker to cover for holiday times or illness then please do let us know.

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## SAFEGUARDING

At Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery we take the safety of our children very seriously. If you ever have a concern about a child or adult please speak to any member of staff who will support you, alternatively you can speak with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Amies.

On our website, there are some helpful links to organisations that might be able to provide support for you, should you require, with such things as bereavement, benefits, debt, legal issues and more.

For more information on this, visit the safeguarding section of our website: <https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

We are able to offer support with many family issues, so please do contact Mr Amies, at the school, if you would like to discuss anything that we might be able to help with.

We also have trained Domestic Violence Champions for Change in school. If anyone would like advice or information on this very sensitive area please contact Mrs Carter or Mr Amies.

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## CARES CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is called the '**CARES** Curriculum', which prioritises the development of the whole child, learning about **C**ommunity, **A**spiration, **R**esilience, **E**mootional well-being alongside **S**kills and knowledge from the national curriculum.

For further information, please take a moment to watch our launch video, which can be found here: <https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/curriculum/cares-curriculum/>

We are also thrilled about our brand new curriculum blog, which showcases all of our amazing curriculum work - please feel free to browse and comment on any of the posts:

<https://www.sheringhamcarescurriculum.blogspot.com/>



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