



# Headteachers' Bulletin

## December 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

December is here and so is the start of our festive season at school! Our Deck the Halls Christmas Family Cafes have already begun. The decorations that the children have made are giving our school a very special Christmas feel. The last few weeks of term will still be full of learning but with a Christmas twist and several added extras! We hope you and your children have a fun-filled end to term and a very happy Christmas break.



### Outdoor Improvements

Unfortunately nobody has been able to offer any materials or time for us to improve the path from Lilian Road into our school. We will aim to dedicate some funding to this project in the future, but of course we do prioritise funding to projects that will directly impact on outcomes for the children. If you do find yourself in a position to help in the future, please do let Mrs Halton know.



### Just One Number

The school nursing team who led our recent Child Health Workshop have asked me to share again with all families Just One Number. Many different medical professionals can be accessed via this number who will all be willing to offer advice and support.

0300 300 0123

The number is available between 8am-6pm Mon-Fri and between 9am-1pm Saturdays.

### Attendance

On 12<sup>th</sup> December we will calculate the attendance of each child for this whole term. Children who have achieved or exceeded our attendance target of 96% will receive a certificate in assembly at the end of term. Families of children whose attendance has fallen below 96% will receive written notification and may be subject to a fine.

Number of learning hours lost in November:  
493

### Gymnastics Festival

Congratulations to the Year 2 children that represented our school at the cluster Gymnastics festival at the end of November. Their behaviour, teamwork and commitment to try something new and do their best was a credit to themselves and our school. Most importantly, great fun was had by all. More pictures on our website.



### Staffing Update

We welcomed Miss Natasha Gowing to Horse Chestnut class in November. It is great to see how quickly she is settling in and getting to know each of the children.

Mrs Kate Heley will join Mrs To and Miss Gowing from January before Mrs To begins her maternity leave.





### Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings and Governor Questionnaires

A reminder that our next Parent/Teacher Progress meetings will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Your day and time remains the same as for the October meeting. If you have forgotten when your slot is, please ask your child's class teacher for a reminder.

You have also recently received a questionnaire from the Governors of our school asking for your views about our school. The Governors and I are always keen to hear your opinions, feedback and suggestions. Please complete the questionnaire and leave it with your child's teacher at your meeting, hand it to one of the governors available at the parents' meetings or return to the office by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

### Norfolk Admission Arrangement Consultation

Norfolk County Council are currently asking for views on admission to school arrangements for 2019/20. If you would like to take part please visit:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NorfolkAdmissionsConsultation20192020/>

### Christmas Performances

The children and staff are all working hard on their Christmas Performances to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your support in helping the children to learn their lines and create costumes. The performances are always very popular. We have considered a third performance however with many other Christmas events in the diary, regular learning to continue with and both tired and excited children, we feel it is in the children's best interests to remain with the planned, two performances. We hope you enjoy them!



### Spring Term Enrichments

Our Enrichment afternoons this term have been hugely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff! All children have now experienced 6 different activities that have gone beyond the National Curriculum. From January, some of the activities will be changing while others are being extended. We will be very pleased to offer: Yoga, Makaton Sign Language, First Aid, Mindfulness, Engineering and African Drumming.



### General Reminders

- Please make sure your child has a named coat, wellies and water bottle in school every day.
- Please park considerately to our neighbours and other parents and safely for our children
- If your details or circumstances change, please let us know.



### Still to Come this Term

Sharing Afternoon: 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm  
Christingle and Year 2 singing with St Mary's Care Home: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: close for Christmas



### Looking Ahead - Key Spring Term Dates

#### **School reopens to children Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Friends and Governors Coffee Morning: 10<sup>th</sup> January 9am – 9.30am

Cafes: YR - 23<sup>rd</sup> January; Y1 - 16<sup>th</sup> January; Y2 - 9<sup>th</sup> January. All 9am – 10am

Child Whispering Workshop: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2pm – 4pm

Sharing Afternoon: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2.45pm

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings Y2 ONLY: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>

Half Term: 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February

Assessment Workshop: 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Sharing Afternoon: 15<sup>th</sup> March

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings ALL YEARS: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

Class Assemblies: Horse Chestnut - 13<sup>th</sup> March; Maple - 16<sup>th</sup> March; Beech - 21<sup>st</sup> March; Oak - 23<sup>rd</sup> March