

Friday News 29.11.2024

Another very busy week in school this week as it has been assessment week! The children have been busy showing us what they can do and there have definitely been some amazing results! This snapshot in learning will help the teachers plan the next steps for their classes. We have all been very proud of all the children as they have worked incredibly hard this week. Whilst the older children have been taking tests, Antarctica class have been practicing for their nativity! There have been many smiling faces as they learn their lines, practice the songs and try to remember all of the actions. The Antarctica team are very proud of them all.

Christmas events in school

Just a reminder of the Christmas activities that are happening in school over the final 3 weeks.

- Christmas dinner - Next Thursday
- Christingle - Next Friday
- Antarctica nativity to parents - Tuesday 10th December 2:15pm
- Antarctica nativity to parents - Thursday 12th December 2:15pm
- KS2 Christmas Concert at the Church - Tuesday 17th December 2pm
- KS1 Christmas Concert at the Church - Wednesday 18th December 2pm

Christingle

Reverend Faith will be joining us for our Christingle service next Friday 6th December. Please can we ask all children to bring in 1 orange for this. We will provide all other resources. As part of our Christingle service, we will be collecting for The Children's Society. If you are able to spare any small change to make a donation, please give it to your child's teacher.

Christmas concerts

We welcome as many parents, grandparents and carers as we can fit into the church for our Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) Christmas concerts. The children will walk down to the church with adults from school. If you/ a family member are able to attend, you are welcome to take your children directly from the church at the end of the concert. We will endeavour to make sure that the concerts finish in time to collect any siblings from school. If you are unable to attend, we will walk your child(ren) back to school as normal.

Attendance

We achieved **92.6%** attendance this week which is a decrease on last week.

Year 6 are our attendance champions this week with **98.5%**, well done Year 6! They were followed by Year 4 with 96% and Year 5 with 94.7%.

Reminder that for sickness/diarrhoea, we ask for children to remain off school for 48 hours after their last episode. For most other illnesses, children can return to school when they are feeling better. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Suffolk Library 100 Reads – launched yesterday

A list of Suffolk's top 100 children's books was published yesterday to boost local children's reading after recent research revealed children's reading enjoyment across the East of England has reached an all-time low. **Suffolk Libraries** spoke to children, families, and teachers to create a list of the county's favourite children's books. It features books for children of all ages, from early years (0-5) through to teenagers. Please see the document attached. If you click on any of the book covers it will take you to the Suffolk Library website where you can reserve copies to collect from any local library.

Sports noticeboard

You may have noticed that we have a new noticeboard next to the gate by the Year 6 classroom. This is now our Sports noticeboard for any information about sports clubs both in school and out of school hours.

Sudbury choral society

Our Christmas choir are singing at the Community Christmas Concert on Sunday 15th December at Sudbury Arts Centre. They will be singing alongside the choir as well as performing some songs on their own. It will be a brilliant way to start the festive season. Tickets are free and can be booked

here: <https://sudburyartscentre.com/event/community-christmas-concert-by-donation/> If your child is part of the choir, your tickets have already been reserved for you.

Key dates

Saturday 30th November - 11am Choir singing at Great Waldingfield Village Hall

Thursday 5th December - Christmas dinner

Friday 6th December - Christingle in school

Sunday 8th December - 6pm Choir singing on Green Acre (opposite the shop)

Tuesday 10th December - Antarctica nativity to parents – 2.15pm

Thursday 12th December - Antarctica nativity to parents – 2.15pm

Sunday 15th December - 3pm Choir singing with the Sudbury Choral Society at St Peter's Church Sudbury

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Christmas concert for parents at the church 2.00pm

Wednesday 18th December - KS1 Christmas concert for parents at the church 2.00pm

Friday 20th December - Last day of term

Monday 6th January - PD Day

Tuesday 7th January - Children back to school

Happy weekend everyone!

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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14