Friday News 01.12.2023

The weather has definitely turned and winter has certainly arrived with our frosty morning. The Christmas trees are up and decorated ready for the start of advent. Thank you for all of your donations today for the raffle prizes for dress down day; there are certainly a lot of Christmas jumpers around for all to enjoy. We have a very busy couple of weeks coming up. It's such an exciting time of year to be in a primary school.

School closure

With the weather turning, I wanted to remind you all of the procedures if we had to make the decision to school the school due to bad weather. If the decision has to be made to close the school, it will be on the Suffolk County Council website here: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-closures/school-closures/school-closures-in-suffolk. We will also put it on the school website and a text may also be sent out. We will endeavour to make a decision as early as possible based on whether enough staff can safely travel to school on time.

Parent Governor

Our Chair of Governors Mark van der Lande sent a letter home this week as there is a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing body. If you are interested or would like to speak to Mark about this, please let the office know and they can arrange this for you.

Orange Rainbow Reading Challenge

A reminder that our next rainbow reading challenge day is on 13th December. We will be looking for children who have read 30 times. You still have time to get that reading in!

Parent Volunteers

We have a few events coming up that will need some parent helpers. Class teachers will be reaching out to you for support in walking to the church. If you are available, please let your child's teacher know. Thank you for your support with these events as it really makes life in school special at this time of year.

Community Pantry

We are still looking out for donations for the community pantry. We have a collection bin in school if you are able to make a donation. Reverend Faith will then add these to the collection at the church.

Late Collection

A reminder that all children should be collected at 3:15pm If you are running late due to an emergency, please let the office know so we can arrange for your child to be supervised. When you have collected, please sign them out on the InVentry system in the foyer.

Christingle

Just an advanced warning that we have our Christingle service in school on our last day of term. Please could we ask for children to bring in 1 orange for this (all other resources will be provided). Oranges to be in school **from 18th December**.

Dates

Wednesday 6th December - Christmas lunch (children can wear their Christmas jumpers too) Friday 8th December - Christmas Fair 2.15pm Tuesday 12th December - EYFS nativity to parents 2.15pm Thursday 14th December - EYFS nativity to parents 2.00pm Monday 18th December - KS1 Christmas concert at the church to parents 2.00pm Tuesday 19th December - KS2 Christmas concert at the church to parents Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term. (Christingle in school) Wednesday 3rd January - PD DAY no pupils in school Thursday 4th January - Pupils return to school

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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