



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

28th November 2019

It is in times of great sadness that we really understand and appreciate the importance of being a part of a community. Our school community has been rocked this term with the death of Tracey Tyas, the much-loved mother to Chloe, Charles, Edward and Lauren, our colleague and our friend. Once again, we have had cause to feel really proud of our school community - especially our wonderful, Fressingfield children, who have been supportive, considerate

and compassionate to their friend at this difficult time.

It is against this background that life at school continues and preparations are made for Christmas. It is a time when camels, shepherds and angels can be seen walking in lines from the hall back to their classrooms and when the strains of Christmas carols can be heard through the school. We hope you will be able to join us at some point during the

## TRACEY TYAS

As many of you know, Tracey Tyas' funeral will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 5th December. This will be, as I am sure you can appreciate, a difficult day for our school community.

Tracey Tyas played such an important role in the life of our school, first and foremost as a brilliant mother to Chloe and her older siblings Lauren, Edward and Charles and, more recently, as a wonderful, kind colleague. Tracey was always ready to put herself forward as a volunteer and was well-known to most of our children even before she joined the staff. She read regularly with the children, came with us on almost every school trip, performed the role of Treasurer for FOFSA, and was a pillar of our community. As a member of staff she was always ready with an encouraging word and a smile. She formed a special bond in particular with many of our most vulnerable children and had a gift for diffusing a situation and making people smile. She will be much missed by both the children and us, her colleagues and friends.

As a staff and community, I'm sure you will join with me in sending our deepest sympathies and condolences to Mick and the children.

On Thursday morning, we will be holding a special memorial assembly in school that will be led by the Reverend Gini. This will be our opportunity for all the staff and children to celebrate Mrs Tyas' life.

We also plan to plant a beautiful tree and some spring bulbs; if you would like to make a small contribution to this, please send your donations to the school office.

A separate letter, detailing arrangements for the day, in particular for those wishing to attend the funeral, has gone separately.

## WAVENEY, DANUBE AND COLORADO CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

The Christmas Nativity double bill will take place on 11th and 12th December at 9.30am. Waveney Class will be performing Whoops-a-daisy Angel, and this will be followed by Danube and Colorado Classes' performance of Babushka. Please send your ticket slips in to the office as soon as you can. If you don't have enough tickets, please remember that grandparents, or those with younger children are invited to the dress rehearsal at 9.30am on Tuesday 10th.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all 47 Year 3 to 6 Fressingfield children that took part in the recent schools' cross-country running event at Framlingham College. Over 250 children from a number of schools took part in the event and there were some very notable performances from our children. Liam Durrant and Rose Gibson came third in their races and qualified for the area finals in the summer along with Levi Bennet. Every child made it round with a smile on their face and they were all cheered on enthusiastically by their friends.

## 6-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Fressingfield entered two teams in the recent 6-a-side football tournament. The emerging team come second in their group, largely thanks to some excellent goal scoring by Percy, and narrowly missed out on the semi-finals. The development team performed well in their competition, but struggled to score and, despite some excellent defending by Lillie-Mae and acrobatic goal keeping from Daniel, they came forth in their group.



**Our school value this term is *generosity*.**



## CHRISTMAS FAIR—FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

We'll be holding our annual Christmas Fair after school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. All your favourites will be there; refreshments, hot turkey rolls, stalls selling gifts, competitions, games and crafts for the children and of course Santa with his two lovely elves!

## YEAR 4/5 RESIDENTIAL— THE HILLTOP CENTRE

Thank you to all of you who came to our information meeting about the 2020 Year 4 and 5 residential trip to Hilltop on the North Norfolk coast. We have been really encouraged by your positive responses and are delighted to now be able to include this as another event for the children to look forward to as they journey through our school.

Speaking from personal experience, I know that the Hilltop Centre is a fantastic place to visit: it offers extremely high quality activities and is supported by very well-trained staff. The focus of the trip will be to boost our children's independence and self-esteem, to encourage them to work as a team, to take risks in a controlled and supportive environment, and to have a lot of fun!

We're hoping you can help us out with some donations for our tombola (small items such as sweets, small gifts and toys are popular) and we're always looking for extra help serving refreshments or manning stalls on the day. Any donations can be left with the school office and, if you'd like to lend a hand, a list will be available outside the office for you to add your name and contact details to.

We also have room for a few more stalls so if you're a budding entrepreneur or know of someone who would like a stall then we are charging £10 and can provide you with two tables. You can add your details to the helpers list or contact us via our Facebook page and we'll be in touch.

## BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Congratulations to Annie-Rose, Ivy, Ben and Zara who were chosen to become our four Junior Road Safety Officers. They have already had their first meeting with Ms Battershill, who runs the scheme across Suffolk, and started to develop their plans. Their first event will be the Be Bright, Be Seen day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. They would like all of us to come to school wearing our brightest clothes, to remind us that this is one of the ways we can improve our safety when walking near roads during the dark winter months.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Every class will be decorating a tree as part of the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's and St Paul's Church which runs from Friday 6<sup>th</sup>—Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are keen to see the trees, please go along to the festival where you will be able to vote for your favourite.

## ECO COMMITTEE

Thank you also to all of you who applied to become members of our new Eco Committee, and congratulations to Monique, Poppy, Imogen, Sophia, James, Charlotte, Saffron, Arieanna and Henry who have been appointed.

For their first event, and with the help of FOFSA, they would like all the children to make a recycled Christmas cracker for our Christmas dinner this year. Please could every child therefore bring in a cardboard kitchen roll and some recycled wrapping paper to cover it. If you don't have any used wrapping paper, any other decorative paper could be used (but please don't buy it as the Committee would like us to learn about reusing). Thank you.

## ROBIN HOOD

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December—the last day of term—we will be visiting the Christmas Panto at the Corn Exchange in Diss. This year it's Robin Hood and his Merry Men, so we'll be able to compare the panto with our own summer performance! Once again, FOFSA have paid for the tickets, so we are only asking for a contribution to cover the cost of the transport. Details will be sent out shortly.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT CHURCH

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am, we will be visiting the Church for some carol singing and the termly prize-giving. We hope you are able to join us.

## MORNING DROP-OFFS

If you are dropping your child off in the morning—in particular those attending the Early Birds Clubs—please could you ensure you don't park on the bend of the road. The bus has recently had trouble making it around the turning circle due to the number of cars in the road. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS TURKEY

Whilst we are thinking about Christmas, we would like to offer our thanks to the Hunters at Yew Tree Farm who are once again supplying us with their delicious, award-winning turkeys for our Christmas Dinner. Thank you. If you would like to try one for yourself, please visit <http://www.suffolkturkeys.co.uk/> or contact them on email [suffolkturkeys.co.uk](mailto:suffolkturkeys.co.uk) or call 01379 586485.

