



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

4th December 2020

We are very sad not to be inviting the parents and carers of children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 to a Nativity Performance this year, but please rest assured that lots of lovely Christmas activities are taking place across the school. The children in Reception will be going on a Walking Nativity and telling the Christmas Story at stops along the way and the children in Danube Class have been learning lots of songs and the Makaton signs to accompany them. In fact, it has been a really treat to hear children across the school singing once again in their bubbles—which we are now allowed to do—and to hear the strains of Christmas carols and songs drifting through the school. But, to make up for our missed Nativity, we are hoping to invite you all to a performance later in the year. Merry Christmas one and all.

SAFEGUARDING

The safeguarding link this week is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHgLYI9KZ-A>

This film is about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and was produced for Public Health Wales. The video is for adults to watch and not children. The content is very thought provoking and the staff strongly recommend all adults taking the time to watch it.

CHRISTMAS TREES

We would like to thank Mr Deeks who has very generously donated eight (!) Christmas Trees to the school so we can have one in each class. If you have any spare Christmas decorations, please sent them in so we can properly to dress our trees. Thank you.

FOOD BANK

Times are particularly hard for some families at the moment, especially in this lead up to Christmas. Please be aware that there is help available through the Food Bank. If you would like to contact the team, simply call Rev'd Susan on 01379 338493. All calls are confidential, and it could make all the difference.



CHRISTINGLES

On Monday 14th all the children will be taking part in a Christingle service within their bubbles.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM WORKSHOPS

Yangtze and Congo Classes took part in two great workshops delivered by staff from the National Maritime Museum on Monday and dressed up for the occasion too. We really enjoyed finding out about Clarence Ray who had shipped aboard the Cutty Sark in the 19th Century as an apprentice, and learning about the way map-making developed over the years. Colorado's workshops and dress-up day will be on 8th December.

LEARNING CHARACTER OF THE WEEK: THE WISE OWL

The Wise Owl is a strategic thinker. He plans what he is going to do before he starts and has an overview of the steps needed to complete a process. Strategic thinkers, just like the Wise Owl, he is able to look down from on high, see the layout of the land, and choose the right road. Strategic thinkers are good at projecting into the future: they can imagine the finished product and the processes involved to create it. They have a good awareness of how to make effective use of their time and their resources. Strategic Awareness is about having clear aims and objectives and a sense of purpose.



FOFSA RAFFLE TICKETS

Have you bought your raffle tickets yet? FOFSA have some wonderfully enticing Christmas Hampers to be won. Tickets are £2 per square, or you can have 3 squares for £5. What a bargain! The draw will take place live on the FOFSA Facebook page at 8pm on Monday 14th December. Don't miss out!

KEEPING WARM

During this cold weather, please make sure your children are wrapped up warm each day. It is fine to send children in with an extra warm hoodie, or a woolly hat to wear over the top of their school uniform.

CHOCOLATES FOR CARERS

To say a huge Christmas, "Thank you" to carers in our local area, we are collecting chocolates, treats and toiletries. Ms Perry will be delivering them to the staff of local care homes with our children's warmest thanks and gratitude for the fantastic job they have done this year. If you would like to contribute to this great cause, please send your gifts to school (either wrapped or unwrapped) by next Friday 11th December.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY for SAVE THE CHILDREN

Friday 11th December is the day of our Christmas Dinner and our Christmas Parties. Children are invited to come to school in the Christmas Jumpers (or onesies!) and to make a donation to Save the Children. Any donation would be welcome.

TIMINGS—COLLECTION

To avoid waiting for long periods with other people, please don't arrive too early to collect your children. The earliest departures are from 3.15pm. Thank you.



We are extremely grateful to the Hunters at Yew Tree Farm who have—

once again— agreed to donate their delicious free-range turkeys to us for our Christmas Dinner. If you are looking for a turkey this Christmas, try calling them on 01379 586485, or see their website at www.suffolkturkeys.co.uk

Our Value this term is : **HUMILITY**