



BEST OF LUCK TO MISS ADAMSON AND WELCOME MS FLETCHER!

Danube Class will be wishing a heartfelt 'goodbye and good luck' to Miss Adamson as she leaves at the end of term to have her baby. She departs with all our best wishes for the exciting time to come. We are all looking forward to lots of lovely cuddles with her little one whatever it may be and whenever it may arrive! So, although you may see her in school at the very start of next term, it won't be in a teaching role.

Instead, I'm sure you will join with us to welcome Mrs Fletcher to our school who will be taking over as the teacher in Danube Class from the New Year. Mrs Scott and Miss Debenham will continue in their roles supporting the children. Mrs Fletcher, who is very arty, musical and sporty, has lots of experience in a range of schools. We are looking forward to getting to know her better.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The vaccination team were in school two weeks ago and intend to come back on Monday 5th December for any who missed them. Please give your consent using the link in the separate email if you would like your child to be vaccinated.

HUMPF THE CAMEL

Rehearsals for the Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity are about to get under way. The children of Waveney and Danube Classes will be staging a combined performance this year of the story of Humpf, the camel who got the hump. There will be two performances on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December at 9.30am (for about 40 minutes or so) to which parents of children in these two classes are invited. We are initially allocating two tickets per family, but there may be spares closer to the time. The dress rehearsal, at the same time on Monday morning, is a slightly less polished affair, but is also open to families wishing to bring younger siblings or grandparents who can't secure tickets. If you would like to book some seats to any of the shows please contact the office.

THE GREAT CHARITY SHOP BOOK SCAVENGER HUNT!

Our Librarians would like to thank all who were able to contribute books for the Scavenger Hunt. We were amazed to be supported by families whose children are now in high school! We have reached 'Really Good' on our Book'o'meter. If you find any over the Christmas period, please bring them in. In the New Year, FOFA will be spending the money we raised last year on the remaining books on the Essential Guides. What a great Christmas present!

FOODBANK

If you and your family are struggling and you need some food, please contact Rev Susan on 01379 388493.



ANGELS IN THE REFLECTION SHED

Our Reflection Shed has been re-themed in time for Christmas. The new displays and activities all now link to the theme of angels. Revd Susan supported the change by providing enough wooden angels for every child to decorate and keep.

At the same time, the Garden Club members have sown wild meadow seeds in Sensory Garden, which should give a beautiful display next spring and summer.

SORRY, NO JEWELLERY

Please don't allow your child to come to school wearing jewellery, especially bracelets or necklaces. Please also make sure ear studs are plain and that long hair is tied back. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

On Tuesday 6th December, the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 have been invited to our Parish Church by Revd Susan to find out about Christmas Around the World. Each class will spend about an hour in the church over the course of the day taking part in a series of fact-finding workshops to learn about how Christians around the world celebrate at this exciting time of the year.

PE KITS

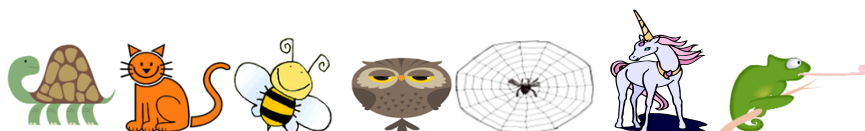
Please make sure your child has their PE Kit in school on the day they are doing PE. PE Kits can be kept in school, but you are also welcome to bring them back and forth as long as they have them on the right days. Thank you.

TWENTY'S PLENTY!

Our Junior Road Safety Officers met our local Police Constables this week to check how quickly people drive along the Stradbroke Road. They really enjoyed exploring the police vehicle and playing with the flashing lights and the woo-woos! Hannah was arrested for a short while and made to put on a pair of handcuffs before being released without charge. They then used the Officers' speed gun to measure how quickly cars go along the Stradbroke Road. Thankfully, they report that everyone was driving safely within the limits.

On a separate matter, the JRSOs would like to ask parents dropping off or collecting at the start and end of the day to turn off their engines whilst they wait. Our children don't like walking through pollution from our cars

and it will help to reduce our impact on the environment too. Thank you.



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT CHURCH

On Thursday 15th December we will be going to the church for our Christmas celebrations. Join us to sing some carols at 9.30am for about an hour. We will also be sharing our end-of-term awards. In the afternoon, each class will have a class party, for which FOFSA have provided some games and prizes. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 9th December, the children are invited to put on their favourite Christmas jumpers for Save The Children's Christmas Jumper day. This will also be the day of our Christmas dinner and the FOFSA Christmas Fair.

FOFSA CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will be on Friday 9th December from 3.15pm. Please collect your children in the usual way from their classes then make your way into the hall. Once we are all gathered, Mrs Clarke will lead all the children in the singing of some of our favourite Christmas songs before we get busy. We hope you can join us.

DR POULTER MP

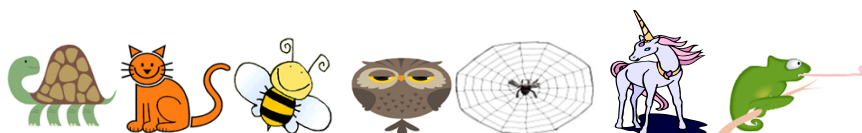
The School Council really enjoyed meeting our local MP last week and asking him some challenging questions. They asked about climate change, the problem of the cost of food and families needing to rely on Food Banks, and the shortage of dentists in our area. A full report can be found here:

<http://www.fressingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/category/news>



END OF THE DAY ARRANGEMENTS

In order to make the end of the day collection a more sociable experience, we will be opening the green gates a little earlier from Monday so you can wait on the playground with other parents. There is no need to continue the social distancing we have maintained since the pandemic, so we are now able to congregate in groups and get to know each other a little better. The gates will open from 3.10pm. Please feel free to come onto the main playground and wait there with others. However, please don't go around to the classes until 3.15pm because the children get quite distracted once they see their parents, then find it difficult to focus on packing their bags. Handover will happen at the same time and in the same way from classrooms. The end of the day is also a good time to catch the class teacher to ask any questions, pay any compliments or raise any concerns. If you have something private you would like to discuss, please just ask to pop inside the classroom.



DATE	EVENT
Tue 6th Dec	Christmas Across the World at St Peter's and St Paul's Church
Thu 8th Dec	Christmas Panto (2pm)
Fri 9th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Fri 9th Dec	FOFSA Christmas Fair 3.15pm
Sat 10th Dec	Christmas Market—Choir to sing
Mon 12th Dec	Nativity Dress Rehearsal to School 9.30am
Tue 13th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Wed 14th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Thu 15th Dec	Christmas Carols at the Church 9.30am
Thu 15th Dec	Christmas Class Parties PM
Fri 16th Dec	Staff PD Day-School Closed to Pupils

WELL DONE LIAM!

Last year, when we took all the children in KS2 to the Cross Country in Mellis, Liam did so well he progressed to the next round at the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook Having come in the top 25 in this race, he made it through to the next round, which was held last week at Woolverston. We're delighted for Liam, that he has now made it through to the County Finals, which will be held at Woodbridge High School in the New Year. Liam can now confidently claim to be one of the top 50 fastest cross-country runners from both Year 6 and Year 7 in the whole of Suffolk. Well done Liam!

SWIMMING

Yangtze Class are nearing the end of their swimming sessions-the last swim will be on Wednesday 14th Dec. It has been incredibly positive: they have made tremendous progress and many have achieved their Gold Water Safety Awards.

In the New Year, it will be Congo's turn in the pool. Their first session will be on Wednesday 11th January.

MEDICINE IN ORIGINAL PACKETS

If you need to send medicine in for your child, please send it in the original packet. A permission slip will also need to be completed to allow us to administer it. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Parents and children at Fressingfield Primary School have always been incredibly generous to us all at this time of the year. However, this year more than any other, please don't feel as though you have to buy us anything-we certainly don't expect it. If you really feel Christmasy and are determined to do something, a home-made card with a lovely message is more than enough-or add an extra something to the Food Bank collection at the supermarket instead.

Thank you.

Happy Christmas everyone.

OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS
TERM IS: **GENEROSITY**