



# THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have settled back to school well after their half term break. Thank you for supporting the British Legion this week with your kind donations to the poppy appeal. This morning we have held a special Collective Worship to mark Remembrance Day. (Further details about what each year group contributed to this event can be found on the last page.)

You will shortly receive an updated half termly overview from your child's class teacher. This will be sent on ParentMail to reduce paper usage but if you would like a printed copy, please contact the school office. We hope that you will find this overview of your child's learning useful as a starting point for further conversations at home.

Hopefully, you have read my letter about car park safety that was sent out yesterday and I really hope that we can work together to make the school grounds safer at these key times of drop off and collection from school. Thank you again to the many families who are already very careful when using the school car park.

We are now busy preparing for our Christmas performances. We will send out further details nearer the time but a reminder that the dates and times are on this newsletter. This year, we will be taking part in the Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival and I would like to thank the Friends of the School for working in partnership with us again on this project. All the Christmas Trees will be available to see in Hungate Hall for three days from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and our tree will then be returned to be displayed in the school.

Kind regards  
Holly Marchand  
Headteacher

## *EYFS Open Day*

We will be holding an open day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November to give prospective parents the opportunity to view the EYFS area and the wider school. We will be running two sessions – 11.00am and 2.00pm. If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 and would like to attend, please contact the school office with your name and preferred time.



## *Pupil Safety*

To ensure the safety of all pupils, we request that pupils do not use the play equipment after school. This includes the climbing frame, exercise equipment and new tyres in the Reception garden. At these times, the equipment is not supervised by staff and this may also encourage pupils who walk home independently to stay on the school site without parental supervision.

Therefore, we will be closing the school gates promptly after school to ensure that all pupils make their way home safely. This is particularly important as the dark nights are closing in.



We're supporting

Non-Uniform day  
Friday 18th November  
Wear something spotty!!



**BBC**  
**Children in Need**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed in spots and stripes. We are suggesting a donation of £1 per child towards Children in Need and all donations will be given to this worthy cause.

*Extra Christmas Production*  
Date - Year 3/4

Because of the large number of children in our Year 3/4 cohort, we are doing an extra performance of the Y3/4 production to give all parents the opportunity to come and watch.



As well as two performances on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, there will be an extra show at 10am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. More details to follow.

*Family Fun Night*

Tonight, we look forward to our 'Family Fun Night' which is kindly being hosted by Knock Out Entertainment. Thank you very much to the Friends of the School for organising this exciting evening. This event has been a sell out once again and we hope that you enjoy the evening. A reminder that the event runs from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

*School Photographs*

If you have registered your details to receive the proofs of your child's school photograph, you should be receiving an email shortly to enable you to view the image. All orders need to be placed online and if you order before 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, your child's photographs will be delivered to school for free. After this date, there will be an additional delivery charge. We hope that you are pleased with your child's photograph.

**T H A N K Y O U**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Friends of School for their generous donation of £3,860. This works out at £10 per child and will be used to subsidise the cost of either a school trip or enrichment event at the school for each pupil this academic year.

**C O M M U N I T Y**



We would like to thank Hughes Electrical in Beccles for their support in providing us with a washing machine for use in school.

*Diary Dates*

<p>Thu 17 Nov - Y6 Crucial Crew</p> <p>Fri 18 Nov - Children in Need Day</p> <p>Fri 2 Dec - Christmas Foodbank Collection</p> <p>Thu 8 Dec - Flu Immunisations Mop-up</p> <p>Thu 8 Dec - Y1/2 Performance 9.30am</p> <p>Thu 8 Dec - Y1/2 Performance 5.30pm</p> <p>Fri 9 Dec - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>Mon 12 Dec - Y3/4 Performance 2pm</p> <p>Mon 12 Dec - Y3/4 Performance 6pm</p>	<p>Tue 13 Dec - EYFS Performance 10am</p> <p>Tue 13 Dec - EYFS Performance 2pm</p> <p>Wed 14 Dec - Y3/4 Performance 10am</p> <p>Wed 14 Dec - Y5/6 Performance 2pm</p> <p>Wed 14 Dec - Y5/6 Performance 6pm</p> <p>Thu 15 Dec - Christmas Party Day</p> <p>Fri 16 Dec - Last Day of Term</p> <p>Tue 3 Jan 23 - PD Day</p> <p>Wed 4 Jan 23 - Pupils Return to School</p>
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*Safeguarding*

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any pupil at our school, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mr Brown, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Warnes, Mr Marchand or Mrs Gill.

# Remembrance Day 2022



The children marked Remembrance Day in a special collective worship this morning, which included a poppy dance to "In Flanders Fields", a reflection on why we celebrate Remembrance Day and wear poppies, some thoughts on whether Remembrance Day is just about the past, sharing of artwork, some poems, and listening to The Last Post.

Some examples of artwork, from across the key stages, are shown above.

