



# THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to hear the children practising their Christmas plays, singing the songs and learning their lines this week. We are really looking forward to being able to share these performances with you shortly. Please ensure that you have requested tickets for performances as soon as possible as we will begin allocating seats from Monday morning next week. We understand that this will be the first time in a few years that you will get the chance to come into school and watch your child's performance. We will be taking an individual photo of every child, in their costume, and this will be sent home in an envelope before the end of term. However, due to not all pupils having permission to be photographed or filmed, we will be requesting that **no photos are taken or filming takes place during the actual performances**. We would like to thank parents and carers for all their support with helping children to learn their lines and organising their costumes.

Thank you to the Friends of School and also staff and pupils in Year 3 and 4 who have made the decorations for our school Christmas tree. This will be displayed at Hungate Church this weekend. We hope that you manage to visit the church over the weekend to see all the Christmas trees and support our entry. See separate flyer for days/times.

Linking in with our theme of Global Christianity in Collective Worship, this year we have signed up for MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) Advent Adventure. Each child will be bringing home a free advent calendar. MAF is the world's largest humanitarian air operator flying essential cargo, medics and emergency relief to more than 25 developing countries. MAF planes enable the most isolated people on earth to receive the essential aid to survive by working with charities such as Water Aid, Unicef and Save the Children. They enable more than 2,000 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief and long-term development. Their pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely and speedily delivered by air.

Thank you for your support in not using the play equipment after school, when it is not supervised by staff members. We want to make sure our pupils leave the school site promptly and safely, especially as the darker and wetter nights are closing in.

Please see the following page of this newsletter for full details of all our Christmas events.

Yours sincerely  
Holly Marchand  
Headteacher



Thank you to the Friends of School for organising and running the recent Family Fun Night, and also those families who supported this event by attending. Special thanks to Kate and Oliver Garwood for donating their services from Knockout Entertainment for free. The event raised a magnificent £484.20.



Thank you for your donations towards the Children in Need appeal. As a school, we raised £290.



*Worlingham Squirrels*

Please note that on the last day of term, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the Squirrels After School Club will close at 4.00pm.

# Christmas Reminders



## Christmas Foodbank Collection

We are all aware that recent months have been a really tough time for all of us, and some more so than others. Foodbank usage has increased dramatically and as a result we will be holding a Christmas Foodbank Collection on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Waveney Foodbank are asking for donations of:

**Tinned vegetables, tinned meats (e.g. corned beef, tinned ham), tinned tomatoes, microwave puddings, bags of sweets for the children or any other long life products.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



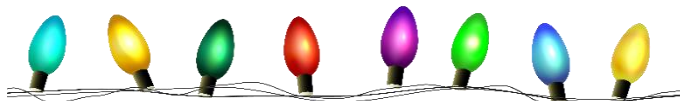
**The Children's Society**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding our own Christingle service in school for pupils. The children will be making collection boxes in school and bringing them home to fill with pennies and donations where possible. We will forward any money collected on to the Children's Society, who have kindly provided some of the resources for us.

## Christmas Performances

We have sent out letters this week inviting you to reserve seats for the following performances.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Y1/2 Performance 9.30am  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Y1/2 Performance 5.30pm  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Y3/4 Performance 2pm  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Y3/4 Performance 6pm  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Performance 10am  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Performance 2pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Y3/4 Performance 10am  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/6 Performance 2pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/6 Performance 6pm



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

We are holding a Christmas jumper day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for a suggested voluntary donation of £1.00 please. All money raised will go the Save the Children charity.

## Christmas Party Day and Party Menu

The children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for their party day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We will provide some party nibbles and snacks for the children during their party, and at lunchtime the kitchen will serve:

*Selection of Sandwiches*  
*Cocktail Sausages*  
*Chicken Nuggets*  
*Carrot/Cucumber Sticks*  
*Shortbread Biscuit*



## Christmas Dinner and Menu Change

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, the children are invited to enjoy a Christmas dinner, comprising:

*Roast Turkey with Stuffing*  
*Chipolata Sausage & Gravy*  
*Or Roasted Veggie Balls & Gravy*  
*Served with Roast Potatoes,*  
*Parsnips, Carrots, Sprouts and Peas*

*Chocolate Fudge Cake*

Please note on this day there will be no picnic option - there will be Christmas dinner or packed lunch from home only.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the Kitchen will serve fish fingers and chips.



## Christmas Post Box



From Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the children will be able to post cards in our Christmas post box. The last day of posting will be Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. After that the post box will be closed.

Please make sure envelopes are clearly marked with the recipient's full name and class!

*Worlingham Primary School Vision and Ethos*

In school, the staff and pupils have been discussing our Vision and Bible Verse. If you have any thoughts on this, please would you email the school office.

*Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew*

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 6 pupils visited Lowestoft Community Church for the Crucial Crew event. They heard talks from the police, ambulance service and lifeguards, with the focus on keeping themselves safe. The pupils were exceptionally well behaved and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to all the families who have generously donated a new toy for the Salvation Army Christmas appeal. If you still wish to donate, the deadline has been extended to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

*Safeguarding*

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

*Diary Dates*

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| Fri 2 Dec - Christmas Foodbank Collection         | Tue 13 Dec - EYFS Performance 10am     |
| Thu 8 Dec - Flu Immunisations Mop-up              | Tue 13 Dec - EYFS Performance 2pm      |
| Thu 8 Dec - Y1/2 Performance 9.30am               | Wed 14 Dec - Y3/4 Performance 10am     |
| Thu 8 Dec - Y1/2 Performance 5.30pm               | Wed 14 Dec - Y5/6 Performance 2pm      |
| Fri 9 Dec - Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day | Wed 14 Dec - Y5/6 Performance 6pm      |
| Mon 12 Dec - Y3/4 Performance 2pm                 | Thu 15 Dec - Christmas Party Day       |
| Mon 12 Dec - Y3/4 Performance 6pm                 | Fri 16 Dec - Last Day of Term          |
|   | Tue 3 Jan 23 - PD Day                  |
|   | Wed 4 Jan 23 - Pupils Return to School |