



# THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of this busy term we have been enjoying preparing for Christmas. It has been wonderful to hear the children singing Christmas songs around the school and seeing the decorations going up. We are looking forward to enjoying our Christmas lunch today and thank you for supporting 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day with your generous donations.

Yesterday, we enjoyed sharing the first of our Christmas performances to families of children in Key Stage 1. They did a wonderful job performing the Nativity 'I'm Gonna Shine!' and they certainly all did shine! It was particularly impressive how well the children coped with the live performances as, due to Covid, these have not been face-to-face for the last two years. Therefore, for these children, it was the first time they have performed in front of an audience at school. Well done to the children for their super acting and singing skills and thank you to the families for supporting with the learning of lines and for providing the wonderful costumes. Special thanks to the staff for all their hard work in planning and leading these performances. We hope you enjoyed the performances and we look forward to the other shows coming up next week.

On Tuesday the whole school took part in our first Christingle Service at school – please see the following pages for further details.

As well as our Christmas productions next week, we are also looking forward to our 'Party Day' on Thursday where children can come in party clothes / non-uniform. We will provide some snacks during the day and there will be a special party lunch for those children choosing school dinners. Alternatively, children may choose to bring their own packed lunch from home.

On Friday, all staff and children will be visiting Worlingham Church for our Christmas service. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat in school to walk to the church.

Yours sincerely  
Holly Marchand  
Headteacher



## *School Vision and Values*

You may remember that I asked for parent and carer views on the school vision and values in a recent newsletter. This half term, I have also consulted with staff, governors and pupils about our current school vision, values and bible verse. I have gathered the views of pupils across the school through holding two school council meetings. From these discussions with adults and children, it has become clear that it is difficult to remember all the values around the tree and children do not understand what all the words mean. Very few children can remember the bible verse as it is quite long and it is not fully understood by all. The children commented that they really like the values from 'The Worlingham Way', but these are not the same as the core values on the tree. The children also like the school prayer and the acorn logo.

Therefore, we have decided to look at some alternative bible verses that link to our school identity that may be shorter and more easily understood by everyone. These ideas have been put forward from staff and governors. Once we have narrowed down the options, we will also share these ideas with pupils and families to gather your views.

### *Hungate Christmas Tree Festival*

We were thrilled to learn that Worlingham CEVC Primary School won first prize in the Hungate Christmas Tree Festival. A big thank you to Year 3/4 for the amazing decorations and to the Friends of School for coordinating the event. Our tree, 'Treely Scrumptious', is displayed in our entrance hall.



### *Waveney Foodbank Appeal*



Thank you so very much for your generous donations for our Christmas Foodbank Appeal. We were overwhelmed by the amount of food donations we received. The donations have been collected by Waveney Foodbank and were greatly appreciated.

### *Salvation Army Big Toy Appeal*

Thank you for your kindness with donating toys for the Big Toy appeal. The Salvation Army collected the toys earlier in the week to start preparing them for local families. They have asked us to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to you all. Below is a selection of some of the donations.



### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We raised a magnificent £452.20 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you to you all for your kind and generous donations.

## *Christingle Celebration*



On Tuesday, the whole school took part in our first Christingle Service at school. Over the last week, the children have been learning about Advent and Christingle during Collective Worship. Every member of staff was invited to the Christingle as well as our school governors, Friends of the School, volunteers and visitors including the Ministry Team and Open the Book group. The children behaved beautifully and contributed to the service by singing songs from their Christmas productions. The adults sat around the outside of the hall making the Christingles. The light was passed around the hall by candle and then the lights were dimmed to enjoy the experience by candlelight. The aroma of the oranges, along with the beautiful candles, created a special moment that we enjoyed together.

Thank you very much for the Christingle donation boxes that were sent in to support the Children's Society. This charity provided the candles and red ribbon for the Christingle service free of charge which is why we are collecting donations to send back to this charity.

We would also like to thank Morrison's, who kindly provided many of the oranges for free. Thanks also to the Friends of the School for donating the raisins.



## *Christmas Reminders*

### *Christmas Party Day and Party Menu*

The children are invited to come to school in party clothes/non-uniform for their party day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that children wear sensible footwear for outdoors and bring a warm coat.

We will provide some party nibbles and snacks for the children during their party. The only lunchtime menu option on this day will be the party food, as follows:

*Selection of Sandwiches  
Cocktail Sausages  
Chicken Nuggets  
Carrot/Cucumber Sticks  
Shortbread Biscuit  
(including suitable adjustments for those pupils with dietary requirements)*



### *Christmas Performances*

We have been enjoying some exceptional productions this week. Please see below for productions being held next week.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Y3/4 Performance  
2pm

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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



### *Year 3/4 Trip to West Stow*

On Monday 28th November, Year 3 and 4 went to West Stow Anglo-Saxon village for an exciting school trip. Whilst at West Stow, the children had a look at some historical artefacts dug up by archaeologists at the site, tried on some Anglo-Saxon clothes and explored an Anglo-Saxon settlement.



In the village were several types of building including the Farmer's House, the Great Hall, the Workshop and the Living House. We had an excellent day and the children were a credit to the school. Thank you to all parents for your kind donations for the trip, and to the Friends of School for donating some of the cost towards this too!



### *Year 4 Unihoc Tournament*

On 29th November, twelve Year 4 children took part in a friendly Unihoc festival at Sir John Leman High School. The children practised key skills including dribbling, passing and defending, before competing against other schools. Both teams performed and behaved excellently, well done!



### *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*

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Last day of Autumn Term  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – School Closed to Pupils  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – First Day of Spring Term  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Half Term Week  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – Last Day of Spring Term  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – First Day of Summer Term  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – School Closed to Pupils  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Half Term Week  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Last Day of Summer Term



