

THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

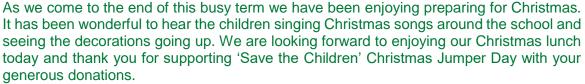
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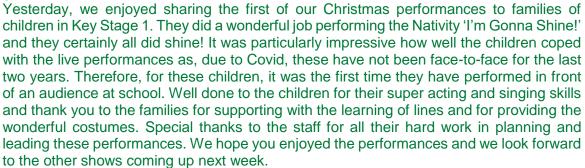


Mighty oaks from little acorns grow



Dear Parents and Carers





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.



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.



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.





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.





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 School the 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 15th 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 12th December – Y3/4 Performance 2pm

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Tuesday 13th December – EYFS Performance 10am

Tuesday 13th December – EYFS Performance 2pm

Wednesday 14th December – Y3/4

Performance 10am Wednesday 14th December – Y5/6

Performance 2pm
Wednesday 14th December – Y5/6



Year3/4 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

29th November. On twelve Year 4 children took part in a friendly Unihoc festival at Sir John Leman High School. The children practised key skills dribbling, including 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 16th December 2022 – Last day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – School Closed to Pupils
Wednesday 4th January 2023 – First Day of Spring Term
Friday 27th January 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm
Monday 13th February 2023 – Half Term Week
Friday 24th February 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 24th March 2023 – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm / Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 31st March 2023 – Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 17th April 2023 – First Day of Summer Term
Friday 26th May 2023 – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 29th May 2023 – Last Day of Summer Term

