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As you will appreciate, Christmas is a busy time in school, with children decorating classrooms, creating Christmas crafts and cards, and learning songs for performances over this period. As well as the KS1 Nativity and KS2 carol service, our Year 6 pupils will be visiting residents at the 'Old Rectory' residential home next week, as they have done for the last few years. We also have Christmas Jumper Day, the school Christmas lunch, Christmas discos and a visit from Father Christmas! We want to thank FOSA, who will be supporting all these events for the benefit of the children.



Reception Nativity activity morning

On Thursday morning RW had a nativity morning. The children came to school dressed up as a person (or animal) from the Christmas story and brought their grown up's from home to help them!



There were lots of activities to do linked to different aspects of the story. They made crowns, sheep and parcels. There was a trail to follow all the way to Bethlehem and a stable to explore where we found baby Jesus in the manger. Then we all got together to tell the whole story.

A big thank you to all the parents who did some lovely learning with their children and helped make the morning such a success. There is a little film to watch – follow the link below.

<http://www.teachertube.com/video/reception-class-nativity-activity-morning-464600>



FOSA Christmas events

FOSA are pleased to help ensure that Christmas is a magical time in school. The money raised from the raffle, the discos and the nativity refreshments is used to purchase the lovely gifts that Santa will deliver to each class on the last day of term, as well as crackers for the children to enjoy at the Christmas lunch.



Christmas Disco

Please see the attached flyer (and posters round school) for details of the **school discos** on Wednesday 13 December.

After the **NATIVITY PERFORMANCES** on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th we will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies for the parents, friends and family to enjoy while waiting for their children to get changed to go home.

The raffle takes place on the last day of term. Ticket forms will be sent home next week. We need donations of chocolates and sweets to ensure that every child that buys a ticket wins a prize!! So if every child that buys a ticket also donates a prize then we won't have any disappointed children!! They love coming up to the front when their name is called and get the chance to choose their own prize. A table will be placed in the corridor near the office next Tuesday so you can bring in your donation at any time. We also have some non-edible items that we will be adding.

For your child to be entered in the raffle, please complete the form and return to the school office with 50p per child entry fee (please note the reply slip is the actual raffle ticket, so please fill in one slip per child and not sellotape the money to the reply slip section – thank you).



Thanks *FOSA*

reception ☆ year 1 & 2 nativity plays ☆ a king is born!

Tickets have been sent home yesterday and today. The performances start at 2.15pm. **DVDs** of the play will again be available to purchase before the end of term at a cost of £4 for one, £7 for two or £9 for three. There will be a sign up sheet available on the day for you to indicate how many copies you require. It makes a lovely present for grandparents or family far away and your child will love to watch it when they are older. Any money left over after the cost of production is deducted is used for the children.

Please can you make sure all costumes/outfits are in school first thing Monday morning as the dress rehearsal is the one we record for the DVD. Thank you!

We shall also be having a collection at the door for Save the Children, to add to the amount we hope to raise through Friday's 'Christmas Jumper Day'.

Access to the school for all events is through the main entrance at the front of the school. If parents wish, they may take older siblings home slightly earlier than usual on the play days, but please make sure that their class teacher is fully aware that you are taking them.



Friday 15 December is 'Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of Save the Children. Children can come to school in non-uniform, with a Christmas theme in return for a £1 donation to this worthy cause. There will also be a 'whole school' cake sale, please bring cakes in on the day

Guitar Exam Success

Congratulations to our Year 6 Guitarists who took their Trinity Guildhall Grade 1 on Saturday, the results were: Samuel Hinds – Pass, Thomas Ashman – Distinction. Well done lads!

SANTA'S GROTTO

Reception children will also visit Father Christmas and his reindeer in his grotto in small groups with their teacher or teaching assistant on the last day of term.



Thursday 14 December

Don't forget it's the children's Christmas lunch next Thursday, if you have not pre-ordered a lunch please ensure your child brings a packed lunch on this day (they still get a cracker and take part in the festivities).

For key stage 2 pupils please can payment (£2.20) be made on MONDAY along with the lunch monies due for the rest of the week. KS1 will be part of the free offer as normal. Thank you.

Acle SEYO visit to BBC in London

On Saturday, I had the great pleasure to take 25 musicians from the Acle St Edmund Youth Orchestra to the BBC Maida Vale Studios in London – home of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. SEYO had been chosen as one of two youth orchestras from the entire UK, the other being the Devon Youth Symphony. SEYO worked hard all day, and under the guidance of Michael and the BBCSO musicians composed, developed, rehearsed and then performed an entire piece of music (about 8 minutes long) from MEMORY!!!! We worked in Studio 2, and then performed to the Devon orchestra and the rest of the BBCSO and family members in the famous Studio 1. It was an incredible day! Huge congratulations to Phoebe B, Katie M, Chloe M, Ellice W and Lily H – *Mrs Elaine Brown*



"The best thing about the day was when we go to perform at the end of the day in front of everyone, including our parents." – *Ellice & Chloe*

"I liked the way the symphony members shared from their experience and helped us all, even the youngest of us." – *Katie M*

"The best thing about the day was that we didn't have a musical score to follow but, if we forgot anything the BBC members would help us." – *Phoebe B*

Year 4 homework

Rudolf needs Year 4's help, please can your child bring in a shoebox/cereal box, a small box (eg. cereal variety pack size) and a kitchen/toilet roll tube on Monday.

Finally, we shall give out this term's Progress cups on Friday morning, as well as merit certificates for exceptional work and behaviour over the last term.

Please can the KS1 and KS2 cups be returned by Wednesday, so we can pass these on to the new recipients.



The last swimming session was this week. We hope the children have enjoyed their time at the UEA learning to swim, or improving their swimming.

Dates

- Tues 12 Dec & Wed 13 Dec** - Performances of KS1 & Reception Nativity play 2.15pm (with Refreshments served afterwards by FOSA)
- Wed 13 Dec** - Discos KS1 & RW 5 to 6.30pm, KS2 7 to 8.30pm
- Thurs 14 Dec** - Pupil's cooked Christmas lunch (pre-ordered only)
- Fri 15 Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Merit and Progress Cup assembly
- Mon 18 Dec** - Defenders Club
- Carol Service, evening
(selected KS2 children and families have been advised, further information will be sent home with your child)
- Tues 19 Dec** - FOSA Raffle (ticket forms will be sent home next week)
Last day of term - break up for the Christmas holidays

Please use the calendar on our school website www.acleprimary.norfolk.sch.uk for dates of events for 2017 and beyond. **You can subscribe easily to this calendar on your phone, computer or ipad.**