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Our Vision

Last year, Mr Henery, alongside pupils, staff and governors, worked on developing a distinctive Christian vision for the school community based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed. I would like to shine a light on our wonderful vision this week and how it encompasses our belief in growing and developing our school, and the pupils and adults within our community, to flourish. The vision for the school is the over-arching aim and goal for the school community.

Our school vision is 'From a tiny seed ...all things are possible' which was underpinned through the Parable of the Mustard Seed:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Matthew 12:31

At Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School, we believe that everyone matters. Our aim is to provide the right conditions, in a highly nurturing and supportive environment, for all adults and children to grow, flourish and thrive - just like the tiny mustard seed grows into a large tree through sunlight, water and care.

Our ambition is that every child, whilst at the school, will be provided with the knowledge, skills and experiences which will enable them to blossom during their time here and be ready for the next stage of their journey. At Acle Primary we work to support every child as they grow emotionally, academically and spiritually and that as a school, we serve the children, their families and our community to do this.

We believe that every child is unique and individual and aim to provide each child with the right conditions for them to grow and flourish. This is far reaching and bespoke for each child but can include identification and development of individual talents or support for children with their social, emotional and mental health, if it is required.

Like the roots of a tree, we believe that every child is deeply rooted in their community. We believe that each child grows in their community, and is supported by their community. Therefore, through all of our curriculum we develop a sense of self and understanding of who we are and where we come from. We aim to create a culture that fuels the learning process and embrace the joy of it; which celebrates challenge and excellence and rewards effort and persistence! We look after these roots and tend to them by developing a nurturing environment, ensuring each child feels valued and respected as a child of God, so that they are secure, and well developed to stand firm in any storm they may face in life.

Like the trunk of the tree, we want our children's learning to grow, deepen and expand. To do this, we endeavor to provide children with a very secure core knowledge, a unique curriculum to meet their needs alongside enrichment opportunities which deepen their learning and promote thinking.

Like a healthy branch of a tree where birds perch for safety and shelter, we want our children to reach out, in an inclusive and supportive atmosphere, to celebrate each other's differences and support others in the school, our local area and wider community. As a healthy branch grows and develops, we want to support the children to know they can be more, by exploring possibilities, broadening their experiences and extending their capabilities.

We enable children to flourish through providing opportunities for every child to learn more, think more and be more so they can thrive in the future.

New logo designs!

To bring our school vision alive, we will be updating our logo to reflect the vision. Sophie Miller, our Vice- Chair of Governors has created the following logos based on the vision. We are very excited about this and we would like parents, pupils and staff to be involved in the logo we choose.

As you can see, we have two options and styles for you to choose from, Option 1 and Option 2. Please complete the questionnaire below to confirm your preference. We will announce the winning design in January!

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The uniform will then change from September 2020 for new children, with existing children replacing uniform with the old logo as they grow out of it. We will have the new logo on uniform available to purchase later in January 2021, so you may wish to hold off ordering any new uniform until after then. The new uniform will then be fully in place throughout the school by Sept 2022, to allow plenty of time for the change over.



Christmas tree

Our grateful thanks to Dr Edrich who, once again, kindly made a donation to the school so that we can have a lovely real tree in our school hall this Christmas!

Thank you also to Norwich Camping & Leisure for giving us a discount off again.



Year 2

In Year 2 on Friday we learnt about Grace Darling, a Heroine who rowed a small boat in a very stormy sea to rescue a wrecked boat off the coast of Northumberland. She was 21 years old. In art we created a background and used masking tape to show the lights from the lighthouse. We made a silhouette of the building. All the children worked really hard- drawing and cutting out the lighthouse was quite tricky! Lucy went home and had a go by herself. Here are her fantastic results.



Classroom decorations

The children and staff have also been decorating their classrooms and windows. The school is looking very festive now! Pickles the Elf also delivered a box of shortbread cookies to Reception, cooked especially by Mrs Santa, in gloves and mask to be Covid compliant!



reception & ks1 nativity play

Movie making is continuing apace this week on the Nativity 'A Bundle of Joy!'. DVD's will be available to order using the link below, with payment to be made online, or by cheque before collection.

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Copies remain the same price as previous years, £4 for one, £7 for two, or £10 for three.

If you have ordered DVD's in previous years, you will know they are a lovely memory to keep, and make great presents for grandparents/family. Whilst we are not able to have a live performance this year, we hope by still recording the DVD this means you are at least able to watch the performance on DVD, in the company of your child(ren) and still have those special memories.

Norfolk Winter Support Scheme

Further to the information in the newsletter last week, Norfolk County Council has expanded the winter support hardship scheme. Please click on the following link to find out more, and how to apply:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/winter-covid-support-scheme>

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget next Friday is Christmas 'Jumper/T Shirt/Festive coloured top' Day. In return for a £1 donation for Save the Children.

Christmas lunch is also on the same day, if you haven't already ordered, your child will need to bring in a packed lunch on Friday.

Rainbow certificates

Congratulations to the following pupils on being award merit certificates in our 'Rainbow' assemblies today:

RS	Anna & Jesse
1L	Harrison & Florence
2T	Mimi & Alfie
3M	Whole class for home learning for a second week!
4B	Chloe & Grace
5HT	Tyler & Farley
6LO	Austin & Kai & Cerys

Acle Library Reopening

Libraries reopened on December 2nd under the tier 2 restrictions. We are really looking forward to welcoming you back to the library in the run up to Christmas and we hope our book collections can see everybody through the holiday period. We very much hope to see you back in the library again soon!

You will find the same measures to keep you safe as before. Before your visit, please make sure you check our opening hours as these may well have changed since you came in last. You can do this online by visiting: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

We still have grab and go bags available if you would like to borrow books but would rather not browse in the library.

If you're interested in finding out what's on offer online please visit our website; we're planning our next group of online coding clubs for January (children aged 9-11) so if you have a child who would be interested in attending please email libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

YEAR 4 POEMS

Year 4 have been working really hard on their poems this week, as part of this term's Stone Age topic. We think they've done a fantastic job, with some excellent rhyming words. Well done!

The bear

I am a bear.
I have a very loud roar.
I am well behaved.
I don't like to break the law

Because I am huge,
I'm as strong as a mace.
If there is trouble around,
I will be on the case.

I am big and fluffy.
I am as brown as mud.
I roll down in lots of mud
so I don't smell like a flower bud.

I'm always really hungry.
I love to eat meat.
Small brown bears are my favourite.
I catch everyone I meet

I am really soft.
I have a big hairy beard.
I enjoy eating honey
but I am always feared.

People think I'm scary
But I don't really care.
I just like to snuggle
in my cosy lair!

By Grace

Woolly mammoth

The woolly mammoth is very loud.
Especially when she hangs out in a crowd.

The woolly mammoth's tusks are razor sharp.
She uses them to spear a carp.

The woolly mammoth is sky blue
and she likes chicken stew.

The woolly mammoth is super soft like a bear.
The woolly mammoth is fluffy like a baby hare.

The woolly mammoth is cold and cool
Because she is swimming in the pool.

The woolly mammoth is a star
that you can see from very far.

By Chloe

The mammoth

The mammoth is as hairy as a yeti
but he really hates spaghetti!
The mammoth is as hairy as a yeti
but he loves to be called Aunt Betty!!

Some people think mammoths are really scary
but I think they're really hairy.
Woolly mammoths are very loud
Especially when they hang out in a crowd!!

The mammoth is red
But he likes a good bed.
He's a bit of a monkey
so he likes to get funky!!
He likes a good art party
but he's a master at karate!!

He's as big as wrecking boulder
But he chews on cup holders.
He loves to jive when he dives!!

By Harry

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