

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 7 – 9/12/2019

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

COMPASSION

Psalm 145:9 – The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Christingle

Christmas has well and truly hit us at St Faiths' and today is no exception. We have had a busy morning working in our House Teams to create our Christingles and we are looking forward to sharing them in church this afternoon for our Christingle service. We've been practising a few of our favourite Carols alongside our play rehearsals and hope to see you in church to sing with us!

Christmas play and tickets

It's the Christmas play this week – A Wiggly Nativity. Miss Woolley and the Robins have worked incredibly hard on their production and the other classes have mastered a variety of dances. This year, we are not issuing tickets for the performances but would like to encourage you to ensure family members attend both performances. Both performances will take place on Thursday 12th December with the afternoon performance commencing at 2:30pm and the evening performance beginning at 6:00pm. We really look forward to seeing you there.

Foodbank Thanks

This week we received an email from the Norwich Foodbank, giving thanks for our Harvest Festival Donations. A copy of the certificate is attached at the end of the newsletter. Thank you once again for your support. It's really great to see our children growing up to be so compassionate and thinking of those less fortunate.

Tag-Rugby

Last week we were represented by a Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6 team at the annual Nebula Tag Rugby event. The children were accompanied by Miss Robson and Mr Wickham who said that once again, our children were impeccably behaved and showed great sportsmanship. As part of our affiliation with the Premier League Primary Stars scheme, the following children were noticed for their individual efforts:

'Be fair...' – Emmeline and Maisie

'Be inspiring...' – Monty and Tommy

'Be ambitious...' – Sam and Bryany

'Be connected...' – Ellias and Matthew D

Once again, well done to all the children that took part and thank you for doing St Faiths' proud.

Old Toys, New Toys

The Robins were joined by some parents and grandparents on Friday to share toys from their childhoods. Lots of special teddies made an appearance, along with some lovely original hobby horses, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Hudson. The children asked lots of interesting questions and the activity really enhanced their topic work. Thank you to everyone who took the time to spend the afternoon with the children.

Premier Dance show

I was lucky enough to join Miss Woolley and the Premier Dance troupe on Friday night at the Norwich Puppet Theatre. The children have been working hard with their coach to choreograph a Christmas dance as part of this term's Premier Dance Showdown. Joined by friends from Hainford, the children put on a beautiful performance and were very well-behaved (especially as there was a lot of waiting around!). Keep an eye out for next term's club letter if you'd like a place in the next Dance Club.

Enterprise Christmas Market

Tomorrow night is the event of the term – the Enterprise Club Christmas Market! This year the event will take place in the hall and you're all invited to attend from 3:20. Alongside lots of festive gifts, there will be cakes for sale and a game or two as well. A poster with more information can be found at the end of the newsletter. We hope to see you there.

Hainford Cleaner Vacancy

Hainford Primary are seeking a dedicated, self-motivated cleaner to join our team. The post holder will be required to carry out a range of cleaning duties.

Cleaner Required

Salary: Scale A £9.00 per hour

Permanent

Part Time

10 hours per week

Term Time + 4 weeks

Hours of Work: During term time 2 hours per day Monday to Friday (these hours need to be worked outside of school times and it is possible to negotiate the working hours to suit both parties). This would be a permanent position to start as soon as possible. If you would like an informal discussion or visit the school, please contact the School Office.





Ducklings Nativity

Last Thursday we were treated to a very cute retelling of the Christmas story. They learnt their lines and as Mrs Landles narrated, giving us a wonderful show. Well done Ducklings – there are some budding actors amongst you! Here's a sneaky peak of their final tableau:



Attendance





School Target: 97%
So far this year: 94.84%

				
Autumn Half-Term 1	93.23%	93.08%	97.04%	95.66%
Autumn Half-Term 2	90.38%	92.88%	97.61%	97.46%
Year to Date	91.87%	93%	97.31%	96.5%

Many congratulations to **Barn Owls** for having the best attendance this fortnight!

Superstars

A very big congratulations to the following children from each class for receiving their weekly 'superstar' award:

	Rudy ~ creative and thoughtful artwork Toby ~ being a great camel in the nativity story
	Archie ~ a good understanding of sharing Charlie ~ excellent maths work Peggy ~ a well-thought out zoo enclosure
	Sam ~ an amazing information booklet Conner ~ a thoughtful, independent winter poem
	Adam ~ an excellent letter, good work in Maths and a thoughtful DT piece Angel-Mae ~ being a great singer and role model during play rehearsals

Key Dates for Your Diary

blue = new

December

- 9th – Christmas Jumper Day – Donations to The Children's Society
Christmas Lunch
Christingle Service at the church – 2:30pm *Collect from Church at 3:10pm*
- 10th – Height, weight and vision checks – Reception and Y6
Enterprise Club Christmas Market
- 11th – Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal @ St Faiths' Centre *Collect from Centre at 3:10pm*
- 12th – Christmas Play – Afternoon performance – 2:30pm *Collect from Centre at 3:10pm*
Evening performance – 6:30pm *Please drop-off children around 6:15pm*
- 17th – Rocksteady Music Concert – 9:00am
- 18th – Non-Uniform Day
Last Day of Autumn Term

January 2020

- 6th – First Day of Spring Term

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E N T E R P R I S E

C L U B



Christmas

Market



Christmas
Crafts

Christmas Games



10th December 2019

3:20 - 4:20

St Faiths' School Hall





Certificate of Appreciation

St Faiths' Church of England Primary School

generously support the Norwich Foodbank

As part of your Harvest Festival 2019, you donated a total of over **29 kg** of food. As of December 2019 your donations total over **351 kg**.

Based on the average weight of the food boxes we supply, this would be enough food to feed more than **44** local people, who are in crisis, for **3** days.

Thank you for your support!

www.norwichfoodbank.co.uk email admin@norwich.foodbank.org.uk tel 01603 251733

Gift Aid No. XT22368 Reg. Ltd Co. No. 7051996 Reg Charity No 1143528 Reg. in England & Wales

Patrons The Right Revd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich, Delia Smith and Susan Hill CBE.



The Elves of 1st Horsford and St. Faiths Scout Group will be escorting Father Christmas and his sleigh around the village on Saturday December 15th. Due to manoeuvring restrictions he is only able to stop at twelve points around the village.

Newton Park Homes	4:00pm	Waterloo Close	6:20pm
Newton Street	4:20pm	Weavers Close	6:35pm
Newton Close	4:40pm	Old Norwich Road	6:50pm
Manor Close	5:15pm	Blind Lane	7:00pm
Swan Street	5:35pm	Abbey Road	7:15pm
Mill Street	5:50pm	Back Street	7:30pm
Waterloo Road	6:05pm	Norwich Road	7:40pm



(These timings are only a guide and are subject to change)

An elf will be around ringing a bell to signal the arrival of Father Christmas and the Sleigh.

Come along to one of the Santa Stops, meet Father Christmas and receive a small gift.

Donations will go to 1st Horsford and St. Faiths Scout Group.

Wishing You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.