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Festive Newsletter

CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:8-11: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Christingle

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Christingle service. We had a great morning making our Christingles (oranges and sweets courtesy of the Friends of St Faiths') and raised an amazing £88 for the Children's Society. The turnout at the church was amazing and the children's singing was definitely enhanced by those of you who joined in!

Christmas Lunch

Before we headed to the church, we had our annual Christmas lunch in school. Again, it was great to see so many children have the roast dinner together and enjoy a new dessert this year – the Yule Log! The children were so kind and respectful of each other and the family atmosphere at St Faiths' really shone through. Thanks also to Mrs Warner for providing all children with a Christmas cracker!

Christmas Jumpers

It was a brilliant show of Christmas jumpers last Monday – I don't think I've ever seen such a variety of festive knitwear! Here's a little picture to show our Christmas cheer!



Christmas Market

The Enterprise Club pulled out all the stops for the second year running with a wonderful Christmas Market. Over the last 6 weeks they have worked hard to get to know each other, build up team-spirit and shown fantastic teamwork skills to create a range of products to sell. Staff made cakes to sell and we also had reindeer hot chocolate, sweetie sleighs and a lot of other festive treats, which sold out within a half hour! Including some very thrifty selling from Adam, Monty and Sam at the Christmas show, we raised an incredible £260 which will go towards an activity day for the Enterprise Club at the end of the year.



KS2 Christmas Tree Competition

This week we held an impromptu Key Stage 2 Christmas Tree competition. The brief was simple: work together to build a free-standing paper Christmas tree using 5 sheets of scrap paper and a metre of masking tape. The designs were all unique and, once we removed the smuggled glue sticks, there were just a handful of trees that stood. Here is the winning tree, built by a team from Cromer House team. The competition was independently judged by Mrs Hopkins!

A Wriggly Nativity

Well – what a show! The Robins really pulled out all the stops last week with their performance of ‘A Wriggly Nativity’. It’s the first show in many years where the children have been so enthusiastic about singing the catchy Christmas jingles and full credit is due to Miss Woolley for being so creative and thinking outside the box with costumes, staging and props. The Ducklings did so well with their performance for their first show and the children from Key Stage 2 reminded us of the fun we have in school... Even when high school is just around the corner!

House Tag Rugby Competition

Mrs Hudson joined us on Friday and the children in Key Stage 2 took part in a tag rugby competition in their house teams. Scores were counted and it was Waxham who were victorious, winning all three of their games. The children worked well together and showed just how great our children are, with additional house points being awarded for team spirit and co-operation. Individual children were also recognised for their development and their positive attitudes. A special mention for this goes to Nancy, Ellias and Evie. Having such kind and responsible Year 6s in our school is something I am especially proud of.

House Team Christmas Craft Day

As a reward for all of their hard work, we are having a Christmas Craft day for the children on the last day of term. Each teacher has resourced an activity and the children – in their house teams – will work a round-robin to create 4 different Christmas-themed craft pieces. The team with the most house points this term (which will be announced on Wednesday) will get a bonus activity to complete as a ‘well done’ for their hard work this term.

Battle of the Baubles

The week before last, staff were challenged to a ‘battle of the bands’ sing-off. School of Rock, made up of Paige, Angel and Honey B-B from Kingfishers, started the proceedings with a confident and thoughtful rendition of All I Want for Christmas is You. This was followed by the staff joining together to sing a cover of Band Aid’s Do They Know it’s Christmas? The children made a fantastic audience and clapped along as we sang our hearts out. It was too close to call a winner as our ‘cheer-o-meter’ was incredibly loud for both acts but the girls in School of Rock were so confident and festive, I think they were the real winners!

Rocksteady Concert

I'd just like to remind you that on the morning of Tuesday 17th December, the children that participate in Rocksteady music lessons in school will be performing their termly concert. You are invited to join us for the 9:00am show. If your child isn't currently involved in Rocksteady but you'd like to see what they're about, please come along too.

Weather-appropriate Clothing

As the weather is so sporadic at the minute, please can I remind you that children should have waterproof and weather-appropriate clothing in school every day. This should include wellies and warm clothing for PE. A change of shoes might also be beneficial. Please also make sure all uniform is clearly labelled.

Children's University

At the end of this newsletter you'll find this term's Children's University Winter Challenges. Each completed activity is worth at least one credit, please make sure you forward these onto your CU families or print them and send them home to passport holders within your setting. It is unlikely families will gain access to these CU challenges unless you actively distribute them, as we rely upon schools to ensure passport holders get the full CU offer. Many schools choose to send these out to all of their students as a way to help them engage in meaningful and fun learning experiences over the school holidays – it may even encourage more families to join Children's University!

The code you will need to write in the child's passport for this activity is **orange3914**

Please also be aware that some of the activities listed do require adult supervision!

Attendance

Please continue to ensure your children are **in school** and **on time**. Missing just 10 minutes of school a day can equate to a whole day in just one half-term. That's over a week across the course of the year.

School Target: 97%

So far this year: 95.02%

And Finally...

I would like to finish by saying a great big thank you to all parents, carers, children and staff for a really fantastic first term at the helm. The staff have been incredibly supportive and there's a great atmosphere in school, only enhanced by fantastic children that want to learn. And so, with that, I'll end this festive newsletter and wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing what 2020 brings!



**Father Christmas is visiting St. Faiths on
Saturday December 21st**

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.

Winter Challenges

On Christmas Eve you may put out a carrot for Rudolph the Reindeer.

Learn about what Reindeers like to eat and how to look after them.

1 credit

Make some thank you cards for friends and family
2 credits



Get creative and write a short story about an Elf at Christmas time. You may want to share this with your friends and family on Christmas eve or day

1 credit

Learn about the North Pole. What is the temperature? What is at the north pole? Do any animals live there?

1 credit






Create
some Christmas
decorations for
your bedroom.
1 credit



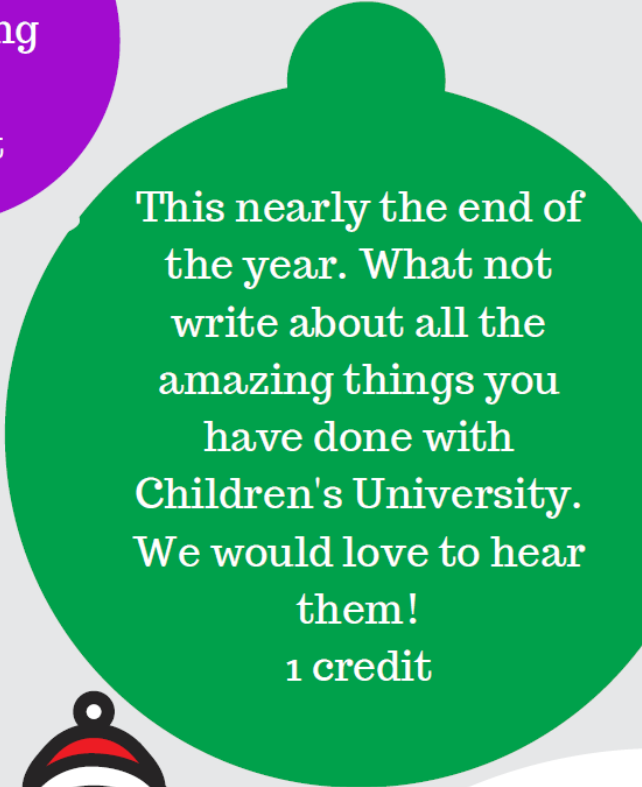
Design your
favourite
Christmas
dinner from
locally sourced
food items
1 credit



Bake
something
festive!
1 credit



Read a winter
themed book.
1 credit



This nearly the end of
the year. What not
write about all the
amazing things you
have done with
Children's University.
We would love to hear
them!
1 credit

Have fun completing Norfolk's Children
University Winter Challenges. Please
remember all activities should be supervised by
an adult.

