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Newsletter
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Christmas Play

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children during their performance of *The Inspectors*. The children put on a wonderful display of acting and singing - including whole school, group and solo efforts, with some beautiful harmonising making the songs even more memorable. Best of all, the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it, revelling in the limelight. Chris Bradbury has kindly delivered copies of the play on DVD so see Mrs Saunders in the school office if you haven't already snapped up your copy. We also raised £62 for Cancer Research with the collection on the night.



Music Performance

Well done to all the musicians who performed last Friday morning. Mrs Ann Smith led the Christmas performance which was well received by those in attendance. A number of new learners performed for the first time in front of an audience. Playing an instrument is a great way to develop children's learning and if your child is interested in learning to play, please speak to Mrs Saunders in the office. We would really like to see a few more children learning to play an instrument.

Carol Service and Goodbye

The children put on another excellent performance just a few days after the School play at Reedham Church. Well done to the musicians Archie and Freya and the readers who performed brilliantly in the Carol Service. Rev Lorna Allies was very complimentary about the whole occasion and the acoustics of the church building helped the singing sound even more spectacular. The performance was tinged with sadness though, as we said goodbye to Rev Lorna and her husband Peter. Both have been regular visitors to the school when performing as part of the Open The Book team and have always been complimentary about the children at our school. We wish them a long and happy retirement.

Christmas Panto

The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed the Wizard of Oz pantomime at St George's Theatre in Great Yarmouth. It was a great way to end another very busy term. Thank you to the PFA for paying for the tickets to this wonderful event and giving the children a great treat to say well done for all their hard work this term, especially in all their performances in the last couple of weeks.

The Panto itself was packed full of song, dance and lots of audience participation - much to Mrs Parker's dismay as she was serenaded on stage by the Tin Man. Thankfully I survived my brush with the Wicked Witch of the West as Esmee came to the rescue, soaking her with water. As with all the events recently, the children were impeccably behaved throughout too.

Holiday Homework - You Decide

Speaking as a parent myself, I know how frustrating homework can be when your child is not in the mood to apply themselves. However, I am also well aware of the need to support children and reinforce their learning by practising skills at home as well as at school. The setting of holiday homework is always optional at Reedham Primary School. It is there if your child says that they are bored or have nothing to do. At that point you can remind them that there are some things from school that they can do if they wish to.

There will be some children who actively love completing work set from school. These children will be lapping up as much work as possible, whether it is set in their homework book, reading, MathWhizz, spelling and times table practise or using online resources like Espresso and Topmarks to play educational games. Any learning they complete over the holiday will have enormous benefits for the start of next term!

However, it is completely your choice as a parent whether you administer holiday homework.

Reedham Read-It

I hope you enjoyed the school's Reedham Read-It newspaper that the children have been putting together each term. We see it as a really valuable way of celebrating the school's successes, highlighting matters of importance to the children, whilst helping them to write for a real audience.

Once you have finished with your copy, please pass it on to neighbours and people in the community. We really want to get out into the wider community all of the positive things Reedham Primary School is involved with and undertaking.

PFA on Fire

Hats off to everybody involved with the Parents and Friends Association. The organisation and coming together as one big extended family of workers to raise money for the school has been a joy to behold. In the week of the Christmas Play, the team managed to raise over £1000 which is a phenomenal effort and our thanks go out to everybody involved.

If you are interested in becoming part of the PFA please contact any of the current members. Mrs Wall (Joyce's mum) is the Chairperson, Sam Bass (Isobel's mum) is the treasurer and Miriam Bell (Joshua and Charlotte's mum) is the secretary. There are a host of others actively involved who would welcome any support you can give. Your help and ideas would be invaluable in raising money for school funds. Every penny goes to help the children within the school.

Parent Governor Election

A space for a Parent Governor has become available on the Governing Body. If you are interested in joining the Governing Body and giving valuable insight in a range of ways to ensuring the school is run effectively then please read the separate information sheet about the nomination process.

Term Dates

Wednesday 19th December - Teacher Training Day/Christmas Holiday starts for children

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Pupils return to school for Spring Term

Monday 7th January 2019 - Nominations for Parent Governor Vacancy Deadline

Thursday 10th January 2019 - YR Height and Weight Check

Friday 18th January 2019 - Parent Governor Election Ballot Closes

Tuesday 5th February 2019 - YR/Y1/Y2 Cluster Poetry Festival at Southwood Hall a.m.

Tuesday 5th February 2019 - Y3/Y4 Cluster Poetry Festival at Southwood Hall p.m.

Wednesday 6th February 2019 - Y5/Y6 Cluster Poetry Festival at Southwood Hall a.m.

Friday 15th February 2019 - KS2 (Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6) Cluster Rugby Competitions

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February 2019- Spring half-term holiday

Thursday 28th Feb - Cluster YR/KS1 Multi-skills Competition at Acle Recreation Centre

Wednesday 13th March 2019 - Cluster Great Egg Race at Freethorpe School

Thursday 21st March 2019 - Cluster Country Dance Party at Acle Academy

Tuesday 26th March 2019 - Class and Whole School Photos

Friday 29th March 2019 - Water, Mills and Marshes Project Roadshow KS2

Monday 8th April 2019 - Monday 22nd April 2019 - Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April 2019- Pupils return to school for Summer Term

Thursday 2nd May 2019 - Y5 Maths Transition Day to Acle Academy

Monday 6th May 2019 - Bank holiday

Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May - Y6 SATs Week

Monday 20th May - KS2 Cluster Football Tournament at Lingwood School

Friday 24th May - Water, Mills and Marshes Project Boat Trip KS2

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019 - Summer Half-Term holiday

Monday 3rd June - Pupils return to school

Merry Christmas

It just leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forwards to seeing you all back on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Mr Edwards