



Watton Junior School - Newsletter Friday 25th November 2022

***This half term our Corvus Core Value is:
to develop communication skills effectively***



We have lots of exciting things to look forward to as we prepare for Christmas! The classes are very busy practising for their performances and it is wonderful to be able to invite parents and carers back into school to watch these after the last few years under Covid restrictions. The dates and times of each class's performance is on the diary dates banner over leaf and has been shared on Class Dojo. We do allow photography and video recording at our performances, but for child protection you must focus on your child only and not share any images or recordings taken in school online, including social media. The Year 5/6 performance will be outside so please make sure you wrap up warm. There will be cookies and a warm drink available for a donation to the PTA.

On Friday 2nd December all children can come to school wearing their pyjamas to have a fun filled day with lessons and activities based on the film The Grinch that Stole Christmas! They will also get a little gift from the PTA to remember the day!

Wednesday 14th December is our big Christmas Dinner! Don't forget to order by 30th November if your child would like the meal. There will be no alternatives (jacket potatoes or sandwiches) available on Christmas Dinner day, so if your child does not want the school meal they will need to bring in a packed lunch from home. On this day the children may also wear their Christmas Jumper or a festive top or accessory. They should wear their normal school uniform skirt or trousers with their festive top. Please don't feel you have to buy something new, being creative with some tinsel or glitter on a plain t-shirt is just as much fun!

We can't wait to celebrate together with you all!

Curriculum News

UPKS

In year 5/6 we started our new core story, Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton. It's a story about a boy called Arthur who helps to save the town. The town was destroyed by an evil wolf, so the children were able to write a newspaper report on the attack as well as take part in role play. We have been brushing up on our poetry reading skills in our reading lessons and practicing answering 3-mark questions with APE. In maths we have started learning about fractions. We have used manipulatives to help us visualise equivalent fractions. RE is following the story of Diwali. PE we are building our sending and receiving skills in dodgeball and tag rugby. After finishing our science lessons where we looked at the phases of the moon and learning what a waxing gibbous was, we spent two weeks learning about the Vikings in the most engaging history lessons. The children really grasped the details behind the Viking invasion of Anglo-Saxon England and the reign of different Viking kings. We had a visit from the local fire crew during the safety week which the children really enjoyed. Now it's all glitter and caroling as we prepare to enter the festive season.



SRB



This week in the SRB parents came in to see work and watch a presentation about our learning this term. We performed our Wellerman dance from PE in sailors' stripy shirts and red hats as we told the story of Christopher Columbus sailing West to look for China and India. We also presented our dramatised version of the Genesis creation account, including props of lots of the beautiful birds we learned about while studying the Caribbean islands Christopher actually arrived at, and the setting for our core story book, Gregory Cool.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 30th November— Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray)

Friday 2nd December—Curriculum Day 'The Grinch that Stole Christmas' - wear your pyjamas to school!

Monday 12th December at 1.30pm—Year 3/4 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 13th December at 9.30am—Year 3/4 Christmas Performance / Year 6 Dental Survey

Wednesday 14th December—Christmas Dinner and wear something Christmas Day / Year 5/6 Christmas performance at 2.30pm

Thursday 15th December—Class Christmas Parties & Special Visitor

Friday 16th December—Last day of term before break for Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 4th January—School reopens for Spring Term 1 2023

Friday 10th February— Last day before school closes for half term break

Monday 20th February—School reopens for Spring Term 2

Tuesday 21st February—Bag2School Textile Collection

Diary Dates

Thank You For Attending!

Thank you to all the children and families who are working hard to be in school every day, on time and ready to learn! Good attendance habits create positive skills for life, leading to better outcomes for our children and their future.

We appreciate you working with us!

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure you have telephoned (option 1—absence line) or emailed the office by 9.15am to let us know. Thank you.

Children CAN come to school with most minor illnesses. Please click the link below from the NHS for advice to help you decide if you need to keep your child at home. If you are unsure, please call us for advice or bring them in to see how they get on. They very often perk up when they are busy with their friends. We will always call parents if a child is too poorly to be in school and unable to manage.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?fbclid=IwAR3TM--dUzY9HC54jliQYSQ-ULb7FIElt6_YzsYOpIW9IL8fSBmSMFQZ0

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun!

Have you heard about the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme?

Children aged 5-16 can take part in lots of different activities to keep them busy and healthy during the Christmas holidays. Don't forget if you claim means tested free school meals it's all totally free - plus your child will receive a free healthy lunch too.

To find out more visit: www.activenorfolk.org/bnfh

To book activities visit: www.everymove.uk



Merger of Corvus Education & Clarion Academy Trusts

The Trustees of Clarion Academy Trust and Corvus Education Trust have agreed with the Department for Education to move towards a full merger in April 2023. This is an exciting next chapter for our schools. The additional capacity and expertise the merger will bring will have a direct impact in terms of raising standards for our young people.



**Well done to Shakespeare Class
who have had the best attendance
so far this term!**

STAY SAFE & BE KIND ON THE SCHOOL RUN

**Things which cause a problem
before and after school:**

- Parents or carers not closely supervising their children and allowing them to play in the car parks and climb on equipment and shelters.
- Parents or carers driving too fast or parking causing obstructions on the streets near the school.
- Parents or carers smoking or vaping on school grounds.
- Parents or carers bringing dogs onto school site.
- Private disputes between families overspilling in public

As you can see, although we are an infant school working with children, most of the complaints we deal with are about the behaviour of the adults on the school run. Please can all adults help by taking time to keep our children safe, respect our property and be kind to each other. Thank you.