



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery 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 are 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. We normally have space for 2 adults per child in the hall to watch the performances, however as we have more Key Stage 1 performances this year, KS1 children may have up to 4 adults come to watch.

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 Arthur 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 must say a big thank you to our PTA for their help decorating the wonderful Christmas trees and for organising many of the special treats and events which will be happening in school over the next few weeks.

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

Curriculum News

We have had a fantastic November learning about a whole variety of different things across the school...

Early Years

This month in Hedgehog nursery we have been exploring Autumn and learning colours. We went on an Autumn walk and made leaf hedgehog collages. Our core story has been Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly and we have completed colour sorting activities and making crafts for a lovely whole class display.



This month in Monkeys we have been learning all about The Gingerbread Man. The children have been acting out the story and exploring what would happen to the gingerbread man if he had fallen in the water. We have also had a go at baking our own gingerbread men. In maths we have been learning all about the numbers 1 and 2 and started creating simple repeating patterns.

During November the children in Reception have been thinking about different types of celebrations such as Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. We have also been sharing traditional stories including Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Little Pigs, along with some stories from other counties. We have been retelling the stories and acting them out in our play. In Phonics, we started learning the phase 3 sounds and we are starting to apply this in some writing. In Maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and their properties. We enjoyed using 2D shapes to make lots of different pictures. We have also been thinking about '1 more' and comparing different quantities using 5 frames.



Key Stage 1

In KS1 this month we have been working really hard, rehearsing our Nativity performance and learning the signs for the songs. In English, we still have not found out the title of the core story! We have done some amazing drama and freeze framing from scenes in the story. In Maths, we have continued to reinforce our addition and subtraction skills and solving some tricky number sentences. In Science, we explored the weather of all the different seasons and thought about what exciting events take place. We have been learning about Christianity in RE, and in Art we have been making collages and have started learning about the work of Henry Matisse and Dolan Geiman.



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 30th November— Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray) / KS1 watch Pantomime at Watton Junior School am / Reception Christmas Performance 2pm (parents invited)

Thursday 1st December—Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am (parents invited)

Friday 2nd December—Curriculum Day 'Arthur Christmas' - wear your pyjamas to school!

Monday 5th December—Elephants, Parrots & Penguins Christmas Performance 2pm (parents invited)

Tuesday 6th December—Elephants, Parrots & Penguins Christmas Performance 9.30am (parents invited)

Wednesday 7th December—Meerkats, Cheetahs & Giraffes Christmas Performance 9.30am (parents invited)

Thursday 8th December—Meerkats, Cheetahs & Giraffes Christmas Performance 2pm (parents invited)

Tuesday 13th December—Nursery Christmas Performance 2.30pm (parents invited)

Wednesday 14th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper / Festive Top Day

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

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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--dUzY9HC54jiiQYSQ-ULb7FIELt6_YzsjYOpIW9IL8fSBmSMFQZ0

[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.

House points so far this year!

Beta (blue) = 3012

Delta (red) = 3262

Gamma (green) = 3401 *

Epsilon (yellow) = 3303



[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.

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