



Edith Cavell Academy

Fortnightly Newsletter

16/12/16

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

This is our final newsletter to you this year. Classes have enjoyed many festivities and we are also getting ready for the new year ahead too. Classes have new reading/roleplay areas for the children to enjoy and trips to the castle and other places are in the planning stage too. Our website tells you our curriculum map for the Year ahead. We had a visit from the Department for Education. Our storytelling curriculum was praised as was the children's excellent behaviours and their enthusiasm for learning. On behalf of all our team we wish all our children and their families a safe and happy Christmastime.

Notes From our Head of School



The Christmas Bazaar was a huge success and we are delighted that so many children and family members came to support our school. Thank you all! We are delighted to announce that we have raised over £500 and the money will be spent on trips for your children.

Special thanks must be extended to all of the parents and carers of **Nursery** children for the brilliant Jolly Jars, David McCollin and Tracy Winter from **B and Q** for some incredible prizes donated to the tombola, and of course to **Santa** who managed to squeeze us in despite his busy schedule at this time of year!

Our Learning Value for next half term is 'Aim High' and the children will have brought home some homework relating to it; we ask that they choose a tag line and create a wonderful piece of artwork that can simply be transferred to our display boards that reflects the message they have selected. The competition is open for learners from Nursery to Year Six, so have fun! There will be five pieces of art chosen and a prize for each winner! Use felt-tipped pen, pencil crayon, pastels, chalks or paint and the only other rule is...have fun!



On Wednesday 14th December, Mrs Smith took the school choir to Sainsbury's where they delighted customers with their joyful singing whilst raising money for **Save the Children**. The total raised was £118.19 and will be added to the Christmas Jumper day money and we will let you know the final total in the new year.



The Talent Show was judged by our oldest and youngest pupils and we had a wonderful time being entertained. We had two joint KS2 winners, they were Bobbie from Y5 and The Dubbers - Anakin, Sophie & Dylan from Y6 and our lower school winner was Daniel from Reception, all entries got a prize.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 put on a fantastic production of The Grumpy Sheep. They all worked so hard to learn the songs, actions and words and we are very proud of them all. On Wednesday evening we had a total of 150 people in the audience which is incredible! We will be continuing singing the songs all Christmas.... well done to all the children! Hopefully you will have seen our photo in the Evening News on Thursday 15th as part of the School's Christmas Nativity Special Edition. Here is the photo we sent in:



Christmas lunch

The children enjoyed our traditional Christmas lunch served in the hall. All staff transformed into waitresses and waiters to serve the children. We had Christmas napkins, crackers, squash and a delicious lunch cooked by our cooking team. Two delightful children went back to thank staff for the food. We heard comments such as "That was the best Christmas lunch, ever!"

Songs around the Christmas tree!

Class	Class Act
Nursery	The Reindeer Cokey
Reception	I'm a Christmas reindeer (to the tune of I'm a little tea pot)
Year 1	Jingle Bell Rock
Year 2	Santa got stuck up the chimney
Year 3	12 days of Christmas
Year 4	Christmas acrostic poem written by Year 4
Year 5	'The True Meaning of Christmas' by Y5
Year 6	Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



Carols by the whole school

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star
 Away in a Manger
 Joy to the World
 Little Donkey
 We wish you a Merry Christmas
 It was on a starry night
 Silent Night
 Jingle Bells

We would be grateful if you listened to your child reading for at least **fifteen minutes every day**, whether this is a fiction, non-fiction or poetry text. This will greatly improve their confidence, skills and enjoyment of reading, as well as support their progress. remember, writing piggybacks on reading. A good reader usually makes for a good writer.





The Great Year 6 Bake Off was held this week. The class was split into 4 groups and planned a sweet and savoury option to be judged. They worked with Mrs Pope to cook their choice and then Mrs Jones, Miss Hoey, Mr Atree and Mrs Burgess judged each one for taste and appearance. We combined these scores with scores for behaviour and teamwork. The winning team were the 'Ultimate Bakers' who made shortbread and sausage rolls!

Well done to our '**Celebration Assembly**' winners below; keep up the good work!

In our Christmas Jumpers raising money for Save the Children



Last weeks winners



Term Winners



Hamper for Coaches winner!



Norfolk County Council

2016-2017

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 1 & 2 September and 4 January and two others of the schools choice. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised and depending on circumstances you may be referred to Norfolk County Council for a fixed penalty notice. Taking your child out of school during term time will be detrimental to their educational progress. Please note that all children should be in school for the whole month

More Dates for your diaries

Spring term starts -
Thursday 5th January -
08:40am

Thursday 5th January -
Reception trip to
Twinkle Toes AM

Monday 9th January -
Year 4 trip to Castle
Museum

of May due to SATS exams.	
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