

## NEWSLETTER – December 2022

### Reminder This Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Disco/Father Christmas visit

During the day there will be a disco (Rec Year 1 & 2) Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. A **£2 donation** towards costs would be very welcome and is payable at the school office.



### Dental



Following on from our dental survey, it was great to see so many families attend the workshop with the dental nurse who was able to share top tips on tooth brushing. Did you know you are not meant to rinse the toothpaste off with water, just leave your toothpaste on your teeth for extra protection? Parents who attended were able to ask questions and hear about some of our future plans.

We were thrilled that 100% of families signed up to the dental screening back in April. We will be offering screening for all reception and nursery children and any children who were absent last time, in the new year.

### Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent/carer survey recently. We had 63 responses. The responses are extremely valuable and we will continue to work hard, to ensure our school is always a happy and safe place for children to learn. We welcome any suggestions and queries.

Other results:

99% feel their child is well looked after in school

94% feel their children are safe in school

94% say their children are happy in school

94% feel the school manages their children's behaviour well

Over 97% agree, that if they have a concern, the school deals with it well



### Behaviour expectations for parents, carers and visitors to the school site

The Governing Body and Headteacher of West Earlham Infant and Nursery School strongly believe that our school should be a welcoming and safe place for our children, staff, parents and visitors alike, and that our families share that belief. We have legal responsibilities for the safeguarding and wellbeing of our children and staff, and a duty of care to all users of our school.

All adults who enter our school site at any time, set examples of behaviour and conduct which influence children and young people, and we believe that they should therefore demonstrate high standards of conduct in order to encourage our children to do the same. Please see our **Parent, Carer and Visitor Policy** on our website.

## Cunningham Road

Thank you to parent Rachel Davis for her efforts in trying to persuade the council to introduce traffic calming measures on Cunningham Road. As many of you will be aware, the road is often used as a 'rat run' and there have been several accidents, this year, on the junction of Cunningham Road and Scarnell Road, very near to our school. Rachel and Mrs Mardell met with Councillor Matt Reilly in November and from January 2023, there will be a temporary SAM sign, that alerts drivers to the speed they are travelling. Ultimately, we are hoping that the council will consider reducing the speed limit to 20MPH and build in speed bumps.



## RHE/PHSE

In Relationships and Health Education (RHE), children in Rec, Yr1 & 2 learn about relationships, families, emotions, and looking after their physical and mental health. In Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education children learn about themselves as developing individuals and as members of society and about the feelings, views and rights of themselves and other people. We have decided to teach these subjects together, as many topics overlap or complement each other. These lessons will be called "Circle Time" from the new year. We plan to have a "Circle Time" Cafe in the Spring Term, where you can find out more about how these lessons are taught and the resources we use.



## School Council



This year we have established a School Council with the aim of encouraging children to share ideas about how to develop our school. Members of the School Council, will discuss things like how to improve parts of the school and the local environment, preparing for upcoming school events and sharing views. They will then report back to their classes and gather ideas or discuss with their classmates. The School Council will meet once a month with Mrs Marriage and information will be shared on Class Dojo.

## Solihull Parenting course



We held the first course in school since the pandemic, this autumn term. It was very well attended and feedback from families who attended was very positive. If you are interested in joining a group after Christmas, please let Clare Glaister (Family Support Worker) know.

## Staff changes

After Christmas we say goodbye to Miss Hart who has been the temporary teacher in Mulberry since September. We will be sorry to say goodbye but wish her well for the future. In January we welcome Mrs Hewett as our permanent Mulberry Class Teacher

## Community Information

- Little Stompers 0-5 yr. olds play session FREE at Norwich Primary Academy every Friday 09.00-10.00
- St Elizabeth's Cadge Road providing a 'warm space' every Wednesday and Thursday 09.00-12.00 food available.
- Free counselling service for asylum seekers, immigrants and refugees  
[www.stbcc.org.uk/counselling-for-refugees-asylumseekers](http://www.stbcc.org.uk/counselling-for-refugees-asylumseekers)
- St Elizabeth's Cadge Road providing 'food share' help yourself and bring something you don't want to swap.
- There are various warm spaces over the city for people to go to warm up and get a free meal. (Local libraries and Cadge Road community centre)

- West Earlham Community Centre on the 16/12/2022 (10am-2pm) will have food parcels, toys, toiletries, some clothing up for grabs, for all local people in need (before Christmas). Support for those severely affected by Cost of Living Crisis, organised by Food Plus Pewex and Norfolk Polonia CIC.
- The Feed Social Supermarket on Hall Road, Lakenham -buy reduced food items.
- Please see Clare Glaister Family support worker for any advice/help.

## School dates



We close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December @3.15pm

**Main School** reopens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 8:40am for breakfast, registration will be prompt at 9am.

## Nursery dates

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Seedlings reopens
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Saplings AM NEW children only 8:40am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Saplings PM Existing Children only 12:30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Saplings open to all children
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Conkers all existing children (phased start for new children please see individual letters for information)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Conkers open to all children

## Christmas Events



Reception has been very busy this term taking part in all things Christmassy. They had a lovely trip to the theatre to see a live performance of Room on the Broom. The children enjoyed it very much and behaved exceptionally well, showing good listening skills and audience participation. Reception also worked really hard this term to learn all their songs and perform in their Christmas play "The Innkeepers Breakfast". This was their first time performing in front of an audience. They did amazingly well and their singing was fantastic, despite sickness meaning some last-minute recasting. We were lucky to have a visit from the donkeys too and the children enjoyed learning about them, brushing their fur and taking them for a walk. Finally, it was lovely to be able to host our first Christmas decoration cafe since Covid. Thank you to all the parents who attended. The children had lots of fun making different Christmas crafts.



**A BIG THANK YOU** for supporting school to raise funds, so far Jumper days, cake sale and the raffle has raised a total of £300

The children in year 1 & 2 enjoyed making a variety of Christmas decorations with their families. They made stained glass windows, baubles, reindeer food and other festive activities. If you put any of these decorations up in your home please share these with your child's teacher on ClassDojo. Thank you to everybody who came along to share this wonderful morning with the children.



This week the children and staff in Year 1 and Year 2 worked very hard to put on 3 performances of 'No One Wraps Like an Elf'. Thank you all so much for coming along and for helping your child learn their lines, songs and provide costumes.



All the nursery classes held Christmas decoration cafes and we had lots of positive feedback from families who enjoyed sharing the experience with their children.

This term in Conkers we have started to visit the library and enjoyed sharing some new stories. Concept Cat has helped us to learn the words 'in', 'big', 'red' and slow. We have also been learning the verbs 'sit', 'walk', 'stand', 'push' and 'roll'.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT WEINS**