



Newsletter No: 5

17th November 2023

Weekly Merit Certificates

Butterflies: Charlotte B Fireflies: Ada & Martha
Dragonflies: Betsy & Imogen Ladybirds: Harvey & Ryan



Dear Families,

This week the children have continued their learning alongside Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is 'Make a Noise about Bullying':

'This Anti-Bullying Week we urge adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying. Together, we can make a difference if we make a noise to stop bullying.'

The children have taken part in a range of learning opportunities, reflecting on how to deal with difficult situations and how they can support someone who might be being bullied.

What can you do as a parent to help?

1. Listen and reassure them that coming to you was the right thing to do. Try and establish the facts. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events to share with the school or college.
2. Don't encourage retaliation to bullying - such as violent actions. It's important for children to avoid hitting or punching an abusive peer. Reacting that way has negative and unpredictable results- they may be hurt even further and find that they are labelled as the problem. Rather suggest that they walk away and seek help.
3. Encourage your child to get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place).
4. Discuss the situation with your child's teacher or Head teacher - **It is important that parents DO NOT approach children themselves.** Every child has a right to be kept safe.

We take all concerns seriously. Please do speak to us if you are concerned about your child.

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Next week...

Tuesday ~ Ladybirds Swimming (be at school 8.35am for registration)

Tuesday ~ Butterflies and Fireflies Trip to King's Lynn Museum

Friends of the School

We raised £141.00 from the **HALLOWEEN DISCO**. Thank you to all who attended!

Upcoming Dates;

Friday 1st December ~ Christmas Fair

Tuesday 12th December ~ Christmas Film Night – please let the office know if you have any good ideas for what films to show at the Christmas Film Night.



This week we have sent out the following donation requests for the Christmas Fair;

- Raffle Prizes
- Chocolate Prizes - this can be a bar or a box of chocolates anything is suitable no matter the size!
- Cakes/ mince pies for the refreshment stall (home-made or shop bought, the sign-up sheet is on the front playground)

Any items will be very greatly appreciated, please bring any items to the school office.

- Raffle tickets have been sent home this week with your child. Each book costs £1 in total. Please could you sell these to family and friends and return the ticket stubs and money to the school office. If you require any additional books or you need to return unsold books, please see the school office.
- Tickets to visit Santa are available via your child's ParentPay Account and are priced at £3.00 per child this includes a photograph and gift. We will still take payments on the day if you are not able to prebook your Santa visit.

If you have not been to our fair before, please note the children are let out to parents at the end of the school day as normal, and then the gates will be opened for you all to enter the school and enjoy our fair.

As well as Santa's Grotto we have various craft/gift stalls, cakes, games and refreshments. The raffle will be drawn at 4.30pm with all prizes on a pre-numbered list to ensure the smooth running of the raffle.

We look forward to seeing you all there ~ Thank you from the Friends of the School.

Celebration Board

Please remember to let us know if you've done something worth celebrating so that we can put it up on our celebration board for everyone to see.



Christmas Donation Request

If you have any old artificial Christmas trees or any Christmas decorations that you no longer require we would be most grateful for them for our upcoming Christmas Events. Please bring anything you are happy to donate to the school office. Thank you



PE Clothing:

Some pupils are wearing just a t-shirt and shorts for PE. Now that we are experiencing colder weather, please ensure appropriate clothing is worn for PE i.e. **jogging bottoms, sweatshirts, spare socks and outdoor trainers (essential)**. Please remember whenever possible they will do their PE sessions outside. Thank you

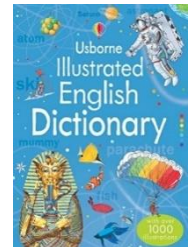
Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals please apply online on www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo If you are unable to apply online, please call the school office for assistance. All applications are confidential, but please let the school office know that you have applied so they can check on the progress of your application.



King's Lynn Rotary Club

We would like to say a big **Thank You** to the Priory Rotary Club of King's Lynn for providing all of our Year 3 and new KS2 Children with Usborne Illustrated Dictionaries. These were given to the children in an assembly last Wednesday.



Pantomime Trip ~ Friday 8th December

St Germans Academy Friends of the School have very kindly offered to buy the ice creams (or Sorbets for Vegetarian/Dietary children) for the trip to the Pantomime. Please let the school office know before Tuesday 21st November if your child cannot have ice cream so they can ensure they receive a sorbet at the theatre.



We would like to say a big **Thank You** to the Friends of the School!



Reception Class Admissions

The portal is open for applications for September 2024 Reception Class admissions. If you have a child who will be 5 between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, please apply online: www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk The portal will close on **15th January 2024**. If you have any issues applying, please see the school office who will be able to assist you.



A Song for Christmas ~ Radio West Norfolk

We are very excited to let you know your children are going to be Christmas Superstars this December! There will be a different school from West Norfolk and the surrounding area performing Christmas classics across the day, every weekday. From carols to pop songs A Song for Christmas will warm your heart with some amazing renditions of your favourite festive tunes.

Listen at 7:40am, 12:40pm and 4:40pm each day. Please tune in on the following dates to hear our 3 schools sing, this will really help to get us all in the Christmas spirit!

8th December - St Germans Academy - Rocking around the Christmas Tree

12th December - Magdalen Academy - Walking in a Winter Wonderland

18th December - Wimbotsham and Stow Academy - All I want for Christmas.

It's easy to listen to [Radio West Norfolk](#)...

Just rescan your DAB Radio and look for us (the list of stations should be in alphabetical order).

Ask Alexa to **launch** [Radio West Norfolk](#).

Download our app for iPhone or Android from your store – just search [Radio West Norfolk](#).

Visit www.radiowestnorfolk.co.uk/live

Year 6 Leavers Hoodie – Ordering Deadline

Last call to order the Year 6 Leavers Hoodie! Please ensure you return the slip asap or you will miss the deadline for ordering.

Thank you.

Christmas Gifts

If you are still thinking on what to give people as gifts this Christmas, please remember our 'My Child's Art' portal is open. Full information on how to order a range of Christmas gifts from Christmas cards to fridge magnets to sweetie jars all with your child's artwork on are on their website. www.mychildsart.co.uk

Username StGermans Password GnqHMqfo

You will then be able to set up an account and place any orders should you wish to do so. Thank you.



Christmas Reading Café and Lights Switch On

A letter has come home this week about the Christmas Reading Café and Christmas Lights Switch on. This event is on Thursday 30th November. If you would like to join us, please book for this free event through ParentPay as this will allow us to know how many people are attending. We are looking forward to seeing you.
Thank you.



Reminders

- Butterflies and Fireflies Museum Trip Tuesday 21st November ~ £9.85 per child via ParentPay, packed lunches please.
- Tag Rugby for selected year 5 and year 6 children Monday 27th November ~ £2.50 per child via ParentPay.
- Ladybirds Victorian Trip to Gressenhall Wednesday 29th November ~ £10.00 per child via ParentPay, packed lunches please.
- Dick Whittington Pantomime Trip Friday 8th December ~ £17.50 per child via ParentPay, packed lunches please.
- Ladybirds Residential Trip second instalment is now due.
- **Please ensure your ParentPay are up to date. It is important to log into your account regularly and clear any outstanding balance. Thank you.**
- Email / Call ~ Please remember any messages about your child should go through the school office, for example grandparents picking them up.
- If your child is unwell, please report their absence to the school office by 9.30am each day either by phonecall, email or ParentApp ensuring you give details of why they are off and not just say they are unwell. **Please do not message their teacher through Seesaw or Class Dojo to report them absent.**
- Please respect our childrens privacy by ensuring that any photographs or video footage taken at any School events are **not, under any circumstances**, published on the internet, displayed on social networking sites, such as Facebook, or passed onto a third party.



Norfolk Tapping House

We have chosen Norfolk Tapping House as our local charity this year and have signed up to their Rudolph Run taking place at our school on Friday 8th December 2023. A letter with all information will be sent home nearer the time along with a sponsor form. Please help us in any way you can to raise funds for this local charity. Thank you





Ladybirds Swimming every Tuesday this term starting Tuesday 12th September.

November

- Tues 21st ~ Trip for Butterflies and Fireflies.
- Mon 27th ~ WNSSP Tag Rugby Event for selected year 5 / 6 Children
- Wed 29th ~ Ladybirds Trip to Gressenhall
- Thurs 30th ~ Christmas Reading Café followed by Christmas Light Switch on.

December

- Fri 1st ~ Friends of the School Christmas Fair
- Wed 6th ~ Last Week of Creative Writing Club
- Fri 8th ~ Whole School Pantomime Trip – Year Reception to Year 6
- Mon 11th ~ Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
- Tues 12th ~ Afternoon KS1 Christmas Performance
- Tues 12th ~ Friends of the School Christmas Film Night
- Wed 13th ~ Afternoon KS1 Christmas Performance
- Wed 13th ~ Evening KS2 Christmas Performance
- Mon 18th ~ Christingle Service and End of Term Assembly – to be confirmed.
- Wed 20th ~ Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Wed 20th ~ Break up for Christmas!

January 2024

- Thurs 4th ~ Back to School
- Dragonflies Swimming every Tuesday this term starting Tuesday 9th January 2024.
- Mon 8th ~ Level 1 Bikeability Course for those children who have booked on.

February

- Thurs 1st ~ Young Voice Choir Trip to Wembley
- Fri 16th ~ Break up for Half Term
- Mon 26th ~ Back to School

March

- Thurs 14th ~ WNSSP Netball Bee Festival for Selected Year 3 and 4 children
- Fri 22nd ~ FOS Easter Event – more information to follow
- Mon 25th to Wed 27th ~ Residential Trip for Ladybirds Class
- Thurs 28th ~ Break up for Easter Holidays

April

- Mon 15th ~ Back to School