



Newsletter No: 7

15th December 2023

Dear Families,

The final newsletter of the term. It has been a busy term but I couldn't be prouder of all them! The Christmas performances were outstanding this year. The children sang beautifully and spoke clearly - the best yet in my opinion! Along with the staff they worked really hard to help us all get in to the Christmas spirit.

As we all get into the celebrations, it can also prove difficult for some families financially. If you are entitled to free school meals we continue to give out vouchers until March next year. For the month of December these are £45 per child. If you think you may be entitled visit the link [:www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk).

In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support.

Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service.

Families may [get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website at Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk County Council](#), which includes an online application form, or if they cannot access the internet, they can call [0344 800 8020](tel:03448008020).

Remember we are always here to help!

We hope that you all enjoy the festive season together and look forward to seeing all the children back in January.

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Next week....

Monday ~ Christingle / End of Term Assembly at St Germans Church.

Tuesday ~ Caterpillars & Butterflies singing for their Parents.

Tuesday ~ Lunch Menu Change – Fish Fingers or Cheese and Onion Pastry Roll.

Wednesday ~ Whole School Christmas Lunch for those who have Prebooked.

Wednesday ~ Break up for Christmas.



Pre-School

Please can all parents confirm with the school office which sessions their child will be attending in Spring Term, especially if you are thinking of changing days or increasing the number of sessions.

If you intend to make use of the extended 30 hours funding for Preschool for the Spring Term 2024 please apply in December by visiting www.gov.uk And then let the school office know your code before we break up for Christmas. Thank you.



Lunches Next Week

Please remember we have 2 days off menu next week.

Tuesday 19th will be fish fingers or cheese and onion pastry rolls as the veggie option (we normally have this option on Friday that week)

Wednesday 20th - Whole School Christmas Lunch for those who have pre booked only. If you have not pre booked your child/ren will need a home packed lunch.



Christingle Service & End of Term Assembly

On Monday 18th December we are visiting the Church for our Christingle Service and End of Term Assembly, friends and family welcome. If you would like to walk with us, please be at school for 9.00am as we will leave shortly after or meet us at the Church at 9.30am.



Christmas Cards Postbox – LAST POST

Please remember our Christmas Card Postbox will be on the front playground for any remaining Christmas Cards.

Please can we ask that cards have child's name and class on the envelope. Last post is Tuesday 19th December 9am. Thank you.



Butterflies and Caterpillars

The Butterflies and Caterpillars children would like their parents to join them on Tuesday 19th December at 9.15am where they will be showing off their singing skills. We hope you can join us.



Dragonflies Swimming

Dragonflies children will be swimming on Tuesdays after Christmas starting 9th January 2023. They will need to bring their kit each week; costume/trunks, hat & towel. The coach leaves school at 8.45am so please can you ensure your child arrives a little earlier than normal on a Tuesday.



Bag Request

Please remember to send your child in with an extra bag next week to put all their Christmas goodies in to bring home. Thank you.

Safeguarding St Germans Children

Parents, please remember to help us safeguard your children. Please respect their 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. Thank you.



After School & Breakfast Clubs

The After School Club Booklet will be out next week, with the Clubs to commence on Monday 8th January. If you require childcare during the last week of term (18th to 20th December) or the first week back (4th & 5th January) please could you let the office know and pay via ParentPay.



Breakfast Club will be open on Thursday 4th January as usual.
Thank you



Lost Property

Please can you check the boxes to see if there is any lost property that belongs to your child as the amount of lost property seems to be increasing at an alarming rate.
Thank you



Norfolk Tapping House Rudolph Run

Thank you to all the parents who have already handed in their child's Norfolk Tapping House Rudolph Run sponsor forms and money. Please could all money be handed in before we break up for the Christmas holidays. If this is not possible, please contact the office so we can let the people know who are coming to collect the sponsor money.
Thank you





Outstanding Monies

Please could all outstanding monies be paid before we break up for Christmas. Please can we also remind you to make payment when booking your child's lunch, childcare or breakfast club. It is taking the school office an increasing amount of time to reconcile the weekly banking because of this issue. If you are having trouble paying, please speak to the office or Toni Clarkstone as they will be happy to set up a payment plan for you. Thank you.

Office Holiday Telephone Messages and Emails

Please be aware over the school holidays our answer machine does not let us listen to any messages you leave. Any messages /emails sent to the office will be actioned when the office staff return to work after the break. Thank you.

Diary Dates

December

- Mon 18th ~ Christingle Service and End of Term Assembly
- Tues 19th ~ Caterpillars and Butterflies Christmas Sing-song
- 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.
- Mon 8th ~ Afterschool Clubs Start this Week

February

- Thurs 1st ~ Young Voice Choir Trip to Wembley
- Mon 12th ~ WNSSP Tag Rugby (Event postponed from Autumn Term)
- 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