



Newsletter



Learning for Life ...to be the best you can be
"Let your Light shine" Matthew 5:16

8 December 2023

Key Dates

- Monday 11 December**, Christmas raffle tickets on sale after school
- Wednesday 13 December**, Maple Class Nativity, 2pm in the hall
- Wednesday 13 December**, Deadline for buying disco tickets, 9am
- Wednesday 13 December**, Christmas lunch day
- Friday 15 December**, Author Kevin Crossley Holland visiting
- Monday 18 December**, No afterschool Clubs this week
- Monday 18 December**, Whole School trip to The Hippodrome Circus
- Tuesday 19 December**, Christmas Carols at St. Mary's church, 2pm
- Tuesday 19 December**, Friends' Christmas raffle draw
- Wednesday 20 December**, School Disco 3.15-5.30pm
- Wednesday 20 December**, Last day of term
- Tuesday 2 January**, Online club booking form closes at 9am
- Thursday 4 January**, Return to school
- Thursday 4 January**, After school clubs resume

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter of 2023. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our festive events so far, including attending the wreath making sessions. The children had lots of fun and made some wonderful creations.

As we look forward to the new year, I would like to update you on changes to staffing for January. As you know we have been recruiting for a teacher to work with Mrs Mejri in Maple class. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Ripley Hack will be joining our team and teaching the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children on a Monday and a Tuesday. Mrs Hack was a great success at interview and has already started to work with Mrs Mejri on planning for next term. We hope to organise an opportunity for you to meet her soon.

In Oak class, we will be joined by Mr Matthew Morter who will teach the class full time, until Easter in the first instance. Mr Morter has worked in our school before as a supply teacher and was well-liked by the children and staff so we are looking forward to him joining the team. Mr Morter will be in school for two days next week to meet the children and to have planning time with Miss Reeve.

Finally, we are very grateful that, although Mrs Mayhew has decided she would like a break from teaching, she still can't stay away from school! In January she will be working as a TA within Maple class on some days to support children and provide continuity in their provision.

If you have any questions or queries about these changes do let us know. We are looking forward to lots of fun events in the last 8 days of term and hope you enjoy the festivities.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Laura Watts
Executive Headteacher
Lighthouse Foundation

Horse Chestnut Time and Tide

It was an absolute pleasure to take our class to the Time and Tide Museum las week. We learnt so much about the Anglo Saxons and the invasion of the Vikings, their way of life and beliefs. We threw axes, protected ourselves with shields, climbed aboard a Viking long boat and took part in Anglo Saxon and Viking burials.



Family Learning - Wreath Making

It has been so lovely to have our families in school for wreath making this week. Thank you to everyone who has brought resources into school. We have created beautiful additions to any Christmas display. Thank you again for all of your support.



Hippodrome Trip - Reminder

On Monday 18 December the whole school will visit the Hippodrome in Great Yarmouth.

We will leave school at 1pm and return to school at **5.40pm**. Children must wear a warm coat, school uniform and also bring a healthy snack with them to eat during the interval.

Pupil Awards

The last week's Stars are Harry, Rio and Cameronli. Well done to you all!



Horse Chestnut Swimming

Due to a problem with the pump at Broadband High School, Horse Chestnut have missed 3 of their swimming sessions. These will now be held on Tuesday 9th, 16th and 23rd January. Please remember swimming kit on these days.

Thank you.

After School Clubs/Breakfast Club

Today we are sending out the online booking form for clubs for the start of the Spring term in January. This form will be open for bookings until **9am Tuesday 2 January**. Horse Chestnut will be able to do Cookery this term, the pupils will change after half term as we can only have 6 children in the club at any one time, for Health and Safety reasons. Unfortunately we are unable to take names for a waiting list to make it fair for everyone, thank you for your understanding.

Football club will change to Gymnastics on a Wednesday for the Spring Term.

Clubs will resume on **Thursday 4 January** (Multisports). You will receive a text message on Wednesday 3 January to confirm your child's club place.

Clubs finish at 4.15pm, Cookery is 4.30pm. Could you please ensure prompt collection of your child from clubs.

Please could you complete the form if you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, even if they are just continuing to attend the same days as they currently do. This helps us to keep the register up to date and accurate, thank you.

Christmas Disco Wednesday 20 December

The deadline for buying a ticket for the Christmas disco is 9am Wednesday 13 December. Children are allowed to come to school in their party clothes ready for the disco on Wednesday 20 December.

Please find attached a copy of the Disco letter.

Site Safety during icy weather conditions

Please be careful to stay to the gritted areas when approaching school in the morning. The following areas will be gritted during a cold snap:

Rear of the school—from the gate, along the path to the playground.

Front of school—from gate, across playground, up the stairs and along the ramp. There will be a coned pathway across the playground.

School Closure Protocol

With the weather turning colder now we have added below the North Norfolk County Council School Closure website. In the event of adverse weather forcing the school to close we will notify NCC to be added to their list. We advise Parents/Carers to keep updating the page for new additions in the event of snow.

http://www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures_schools.html



Norfolk County Council



Department
for Education

21-22 December and 2-3 January

Funded holiday activity scheme for children aged 4 - 16 this Winter

- **FREE** for all families eligible for benefits-related free school meals
- Fantastic range of sports, outdoor, arts and creative activities across Norfolk for your child in a warm space with a free healthy lunch
- More specialist SEN providers available for 2023
- Please make the provider aware when booking if your child has special educational needs or a disability (SEND)



Spaces still available

Find an activity near you and book today

Visit www.everymove.uk



Christmas Raffle

Friends have lots of wonderful prizes which have been donated by local businesses, but they are now looking for additional prizes for their table. If you have anything laying around and in a new condition that would make a nice raffle prize, then they would really appreciate any donations. All donations can be left at the school office.

Thank you for your support.



FRIENDS CHRISTMAS prize draw

- ★Barrett and Coe- portrait voucher worth £160
- ★Middletown's Steakhouse-£20 voucher
- ★JRS- stomp or bowl for family of 4
- ★Sheringham Little Theatre-family panto for 28th Dec
- ★Cinema City- 2 free entry
- ★Hautbois Activity Centre-Activity for 4ppl
- ★Bowling House-Bowling for 4 off peak
- ★Bugz UK-1 adult and 1 child entry
- ★Thursford Steam Museum-2 tickets
- ★Cromer Cinema-2 tickets
- ★Morrisons-Beer hamper
- ★Tesco Sprowston-Chocolate hamper
- ★Tesco Stalham-to be confirmed
- ★Waitrose NW-Toiletries hamper
- ★Trimmingham Leisure Centre-Family swim
- ★Roy's of Wroxham-£5 voucher
- ★Pleasure Beach-Complimentary wristband
- ★Plus much more!!!!

Happisburgh Primary school
19th December after church