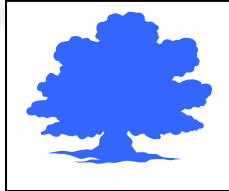


# Newsletter

December 2019

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Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success with so many of you coming along on the afternoon to help raise money with us! We're just counting up the final numbers and we'll let you know what the total is as soon as we know!

Thank you to the PSA who worked so hard to put this event on, and for all those who helped with setting up, decorating, manning stalls and donating! The PSA put on these fundraisers to help provide extra things for the school that we may not be able to afford normally. The money goes towards trips, equipment, and special days within school.

## Reading:

Thank you to everyone who reads regularly with their children at home. Schools are increasingly under pressure to provide a wider curriculum which limits time teachers have available to hear individual readers. Therefore, if you only have time to do one thing to help your child, please prioritise reading daily. Regular readers are awarded with a special certificate at the end of each half term. Please make it very clear in their reading records when you have heard them read at home so that we can recognise everyone eligible for an award (reading 4 times a wk).



## Sports Achievements:

It has already been a very busy term for sporting matches and tournaments. Our Year 3&4 football team won their tournament back in October. We've also had successful cross country runners, the girl's football tournament, Archery, boys football, and 2 Pipers Vale trips. Well done to all involved! We have the dodgeball finals next week too, so good luck to the team!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the newest edition of the school newsletter! We will endeavour to get this to you once a month, with updates and news.

We're looking forward to the Christmas season, there's a lot going on over the next couple of weeks, so please keep an eye on the website and parent mail for any updates!

## Friendly Reminders:

The school day starts at 8.45am promptly as teachers are ready to begin lessons at this time. Any child coming into school after 8.55am will be marked as late.



Illness: It is our duty to encourage high levels of regular attendance, unless your child is too ill to attend school and obviously too ill to be attending out of school clubs and events. If your child has been off school ill, we would not expect to see them on school premises that day. Being in school increases your child's immune system. In the New Year the Educational Welfare Officer will be coming in to look at attendance across the school.

## Car Parking

We have had a better start to the school year with fewer complaints from village residents about fast drivers, and inconsiderate parking. We would like to remind you that you can park behind the village hall if there is no space outside of school. Please avoid parking on the bends and away from people's driveways.

Welcome to our newest TA Mrs Pawsey-Fuller who has started with us this month. She will be taking over the running of breakfast club as well as her TA role in the mornings.



**Payments/Debtors:**

Please be reminded that payments for Breakfast Club & Dinners need to be paid for in advance. In unplanned circumstances please pay by the end of the week they are taken.

**School Website:**

Our website is full of useful information and dates for you to keep up to date with what's going on within school. We try to keep the calendar as up to date as possible, so please have a look to see what is happening. We also have the class pages which are updated regularly by the teachers with photos and information about what they are teaching in class.

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| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | School Christmas Lunch   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Nativity rehearsal in hall<br>Food bank donations being collected<br>Celebration Assembly 2.50pm |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Nativity rehearsal in church   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | Nativity play in Church – 2pm  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Christmas Jumper day & class parties   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Last day of term<br>2.30pm – Songs around the tree   |
|                                 | Christmas Holidays   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January  | PD Day   |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January | Return to school   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January | Swimming starts for Years 4&5  |
|                                 | Half term Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February                    |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  | Last day of term   |
|                                 | Easter Holidays Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April (PD day)            |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May      | Bank Holiday   |
|                                 | Half term Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May                              |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June     | Return to school   |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | Last day of term!  |
|                                 | Summer holidays – return to school September Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept                       |

Please ensure all uniform and water bottles are labelled clearly.

Please make us aware if there are any changes to your child's health needs so we can update the necessary files and administer if needed.

Thank you to all of those who help us out with trips and events when we need you !

Statistics opposite taken from the Suffolk Learning website.

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| ASH      | 92.88% attendance |
| OAK      | 93.60% attendance |
| CHESTNUT | 85.46% attendance |
| BIRCH    | 86.53% attendance |



**Research shows the positive impact good school attendance has on a pupil's academic achievement.**

| Attendance at GCSE | Chance of getting 5 A* to C grades |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 94                 | Very good                          |
| 93                 | Good                               |
| 92                 | Fair                               |
| 90                 | <50%                               |
| 88                 | <35%                               |
| <88                | <30%                               |