

## Newsletter ~ December 2020 Snettisham Primary School



### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Thank you for your smiles and help this term. It has been a pleasure to support your child's full return to school as we help them catch up in their learning and meet with school friends. The children are ready for a break as we come to the end of term, but they have been so strong, clever, and resilient as they take on new routines and systems.

We have been teaching across a breadth of subjects using our knowledge rich curriculum this term and it has been rewarding to see how much impact this has had on all our pupils across our schools. We are using every minute of the day, between handwashing, to promote learning. Follow our Twitter page to see the best moments as we capture them!

We would like to support our families more in the Spring Term. We wonder if you would be interested in any zoom clinics for Early reading support? Mathematics? Behaviour? Special Educational Needs? Perhaps help accessing health and mental health resources? We will plan a weekly forum for these starting January and forward dates for you to zoom in or email questions. Finally, Christmas is still happening inside school - plenty is going on! We will add as much as we can to dojo and the website as soon as possible. Our PTA and Friends groups have kindly donated bits for everyone (please quarantine) and we have decorations and games planned for the last week alongside a Panto performance from Kitty In Wonderland! Please don't send cards and presents to school - an email to thank staff, friends and families is much appreciated this year - a kind heart and a smile is all we need!

See you in January - best wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year!

Louise Jackson and Emma Hunt

Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than facebook.



Snettisham, Heacham Infant and Junior \_WNAT @heachamiunior

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make a telephone or Zoom appointment with the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. ©



### **Our Learning**

Well we've almost reached the end of a very unusual and busy term and it is always nice to reflect upon the fantastic learning that has taken place....

### Willow Class

This half term Willow class have focused on 'Light and celebrations' for our knowledge. We have learnt all about why we celebrate bonfire night, the Hindu festival of Diwali, why our local church is important, how our seasons change and the Christmas Story! The children learnt 'The Three Little Pigs' story and had fun innovating their own creating new characters and 'baddies'! In our maths we have been focusing on the number bonds

to 5, adding and subtracting. We have been learning lots of Christmas songs ready to



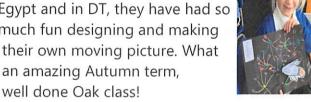
perform our Nativity which we can't wait to share with you all!

### Oak Class

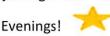
Oak class is making me burst with pride at how hard they are working! English they have learnt all about Giant Pandas and written their own non-fiction text. In Maths, they have been learning about



money. In Science, they have learnt all about living things and their environment. History they have discovered all about Ancient Egypt and in DT, they have had so much fun designing and making their own moving picture. What



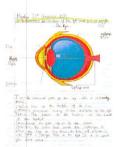
Thank you for being so understanding and supportive this term, adhering to the drop-off points and for joining in our unusual Parents'



### Ash Class

We have been very busy in Ash Class this term. We have been learning all about Christianity in R.E. and made our own Christingles. In History we have been looking at the rise and fall of the Roman Empire and the life of Julius Caesar. This tied in with our topic on Mediterranean Europe where we tried different foods from the

Mediterranean and did our own research projects on Barcelona and Venice. Ash Class are doing really well with their times-tables this term and are becoming confident with their 3, 4, 6 and 8 times-tables.



### **Birch Class**

Birch class have continued to make us very proud this half term – they are such a pleasure to teach. From heated debates around women's suffrage, to creating incredible models (did someone mention sweets?!) showcasing their even more incredible knowledge of plant and animal cells, to completing a week of assessments with focus, diligence and calm, to learning and performing poetry, to designing and creating Renaissance style frescoes: they have continued to delight and amaze us. We look forward to celebrating their progress and hard work in our final week.



Winning! - The motion being debated was 'should women be granted suffrage?'



# Children in Need 2020.

Thankyou to
everyone who
donated... we
raised £75.00 from
our non – uniform
day!



### Have your circumstances changed recently?

### You might be eligible for Free School Meals

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals). So it is worth applying!!

#### You can apply online:

https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx Or email the office for an application form.

### DIARY DATES.

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DECEMBER		
FRI	11/12/2020	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)
THURS	17/12/2020	Christmas Lunch – wear Christmas Jumper!
FRI	18/12/2020	School closes for Christmas Break.
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JANUARY		
MON	04/01/2021	School reopens for everyone.
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FEBRUARY		
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THURS	11/02/2021	School closes to pupils for half term.
FRI	12/02/2021	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED.
MON	22/02/2021	School reopens for everyone.
MARCH		
FRI	26/03/2021	School closes for Easter Break.
APRIL		
MON	12/04/2021	School reopens for everyone.
MAY		
MON	03/05/2021	MAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED.
FRI	28/05/2021	School closes for Half term.
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### Christmas Lunch - 17th December

The window to book your Christmas Lunch on ParentPay closed on 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you did not book please send a packed lunch with your child on this day as there are no meals available to book on the day. Please wear your Festive tops on this day.



A huge thankyou to Friends for supplying every child in Oak and Willow class with a school fleece!



