



# Newsletter ~ December 2017

## Snettisham Primary School



Well we've almost reached the end of term and what a packed term it has been. All the classes have embraced their learning with interest and enthusiasm. Preparations for our nativity performance and Carol Concert are going very well and are set to boost Christmas spirits this week!

### Willow Class

After an amazing trip to the Dinosaur Park at the end of last half term, Willow Class kicked off this half term with their 'Dinosaur' topic. The children loved learning all about the dinosaurs, including their names and discovering whether they were carnivores or herbivores.

The children finished off the topic writing their very own dinosaur adventure stories!

Willow Class worked really hard to learn all their songs and lines for their nativity performance 'Born in a Barn'. Miss Moore was extremely proud of their efforts!



### Oak class

Oak Class really focused on developing their writing skills this half term with great results! The children produced Stone Age information books, wrote a traditional tale with a twist and explored a variety of poems.



After completing some fantastic pieces of work at home over half term, the children continued with their study of the Stone Age to Iron Age period through our 'Time Machine' topic.

In science, the children have enjoyed looking at different types of soil and have carried out experiments with them to discover which drain well.

### Ash class

Creating plinth models, sketching, story writing, historical enquiry, number sense and getting 'hands on' investigating different types of soil have been some of the Ash Class highlights this half term.



The children have learnt and developed their editing skills, can talk confidently about cross hatching (just ask!) and have become really skilled at explaining how they know an answer is correct in maths or why a particular artefact might be from the Bronze Age rather than the Neolithic Stone Age.

### Birch Class

This half term the children have really become engrossed in their history topic work – Stone Age to Iron Age.

Following lots of research they have developed a good understanding of how villages and settlements developed throughout this period. The children were particularly interested to learn about their way of life and went on to have a heated debate about whether a hunter-gatherer or a farmer was the best way to live back then.

In English, the children have been busy completing their mystery stories this half term and in celebration of their achievements a spooky story evening was held in the hall after dark! Parents were invited into school to hear the stories read aloud by torch light.



## Playground Markings

Our new playground markings were successfully installed mid-November by RoadArt Ltd. It has really helped to brighten up the playground and has made a marked difference to the overall look of the school.



The children are really making the most of them at playtimes and lunchtimes, playing together and learning at the same time.

This was made possible because of the tireless fundraising efforts of the 'Friends of Snettisham Primary School' over recent years.





## Governor News

This term has gone by very quickly, we have had two meetings at which we discussed a number of important items including the progression and attainment of all year groups and Mrs Darley talked us through key initiatives and schemes that are being introduced to support writing and reading.

We held a review meeting and adopted a number of updated policies to ensure the school remains compliant with new procedures.

Governors took part in visits to look at classroom displays, text books and lessons and I am pleased to report that they were very impressed by the quality of work the children are producing, the behaviour and levels of participation in classes, as well as the politeness of the children.

As you may have heard we have been recruiting for new members to join the governing body and I am pleased to announce that Laura Goodwin has put herself forward as a parent governor. We look forward to welcoming her at our first meeting in 2018.

On behalf of the governing body I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Andrew Gee - Chair of Governors

## Cosmos Roadshow Smithdon High School

Year 5 pupils enjoyed a science taster day at Smithdon High School on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The children spent the day exploring the senses; studying the evolution of the eye and discovering how sound travels in waves.



The children had a great day getting 'hands on' with the learning! Activities included making pin-hole cameras, conducting light experiments and walking around the fascinating, interactive exhibits.



## Friends of Snettisham Primary School

The 'Friends' have been hard at work this term planning many exciting fundraising events for the benefit of all the children.

Our annual Halloween Cake Stall on 31<sup>st</sup> October kicked off the fundraising this half term and raised a total of £113.

The 'Spud and Race Night' on 10<sup>th</sup> November raised an impressive £355.

Our ever popular tombola raised £210 at the Victorian Market on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

We also hosted a very festive Christmas Market last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many families attending this event.

Even Santa put in an appearance! We managed to raise £810 – what an incredible total!

To top all the fundraising off this term we received a huge donation of £863 from the CO-OP local community fund!

### Upcoming Events:

Christmas Disco 18/12/17 - Tickets are £3 each. This includes a hotdog and a drink.

Willow and Oak: 4-5.30pm. Ash and Birch: 5.30-7pm.

New Year's Eve Disco 31/12/17 – Tickets: £10 for adults, £5 16-18yrs, Under 16s FREE.

A huge thank you for your continued support this term!  
Our next meeting will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.10pm.

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## Notice Board



### Fundraising

Please remember that we are holding a fundraising Christmas jumper day on the last day of term (19<sup>th</sup> December) in support of 'Walking With The Wounded'.  
Wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for a £1 donation!



Merry Christmas to you all!

Please remember that we return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Ensure that your child comes prepared for the new term with full PE kit as Edufit will start the first week back.

**COMING SOON**

.....our topic next term is 'Chocolate'. The children will be discovering how chocolate is made, when it was first discovered and where in the world it comes from. They will also learn all about the benefits of free trade.

