



Snettisham Primary School Newsletter

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Dear families

We have come to the end of the Autumn Term with so much to celebrate!

Following our successful Ofsted in July 2022 we have continued to build on the work we do within Personal, Social, Health and Economics education. We have started to deliver class assemblies using pictures from No Outsiders - whose motto is Everyone Different, Everyone Welcome. Our assemblies use these materials to discuss moral, social and values led discussions such as why Harry Kane wanted to wear and LGBTQ+ armband in the world cup.

We have also enjoyed some fantastic performances within the Trust where Snettisham pupils have made us proud with their contributions- these were at the remembrance performance, instrumentalist band, and at the St Nicholas Chapel carol concert.

Classes are filled with great learning this term - the working walls are full of ideas from our curriculum and the pupil books really showcase learning. Make sure you ask the children at home about their learning and copies of the knowledge organisers are on the website so you can see what we are learning too.

Thank you for helping your child access times tables rock stars - it's making a big difference with times tables across the school!

We hope you enjoy the break and have a very Merry Christmas!

Best wishes

Louise Jackson, Emma Hunt & Clare Enters



Lunch Menu

The Autumn/Winter menu is available to view on our website <https://www.snettishamprimary.co.uk>

Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions
available on request.



Term Dates:

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.
Please see our website for further information.

**Last day of Term is Fri 16/12/22.
Children return on Weds 04/01/23.**

Our Learning

WILLOW CLASS

We have had a great half term in Willow Class learning all about 'Light and Celebrations'. We looked at the Hindu festival of Diwali and did some amazing Indian dancing with Mrs Battelley in 'Music and Movement'! We learnt all about our Autumn season and different types of weather. We completed two different investigations to explore materials. Finishing off the term under why we celebrate Christmas! Our mathematics learning has been based around more and less, adding one and subtracting one and times of the day. The children have been amazing at learning our Talk 4 Writing story 'The Three Little Pigs' which they innovated together and changed to 'The Three Little Ponies'!

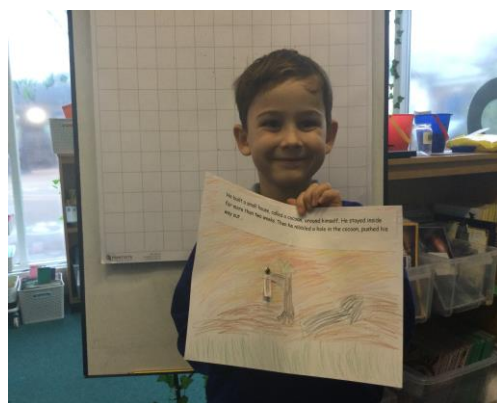


Our Learning (cont'd)

OAK CLASS

It's been another busy half term in Oak! We have learned all about shapes and can name 2D and 3D shapes and describe their properties. In English we've discovered what an explanation is and have explored 'The Teacher-Pleaser Machine' text. The children have come up with some great ideas for new machines and we will be continuing this work after Christmas. We were very sad to discover that our copy of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' had got wet during playtime.. but fear not! Oak came up with a brilliant idea to create a new version of the book using their knowledge of levers and pivots which they had learned in DT! After a few weeks of planning, tests and creating their final product, they enjoyed sharing their new moving picture book with Willow Class. Well done Oak Class for great effort and achievements this half term.

Have a great Christmas break!



Our Learning (cont'd)

ASH CLASS

It has been a very busy term in Ash Class! The children experienced what living in Anglo Saxon times was like. They explored the village at West Stow that was built to replicate the village that was there over 1000 years ago. In Geography, we have been learning about Mediterranean Europe. The children became food connoisseurs when tasting local confectionery such as olives, tomatoes and grapes. They have fully immersed themselves in History by stepping into the role of the Kings and Queens of the Tudor period. They all voted that Elizabeth I was the best monarch and agreed that Henry VIII was a very cruel and greedy King. Every member of the class has made a fantastic improvement in their recall of times tables. Pride the Lion has enjoyed his weekend trips. Keep it up Ash Class!



BIRCH CLASS

We have been incredibly proud of the progress and resilience shown in Birch Class – especially during assessment week! A huge well done to all of them!

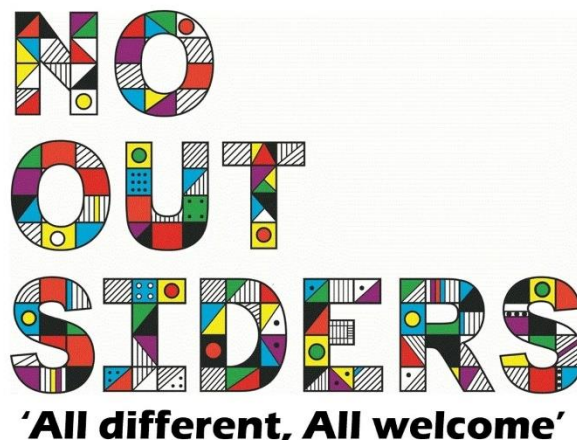
Our term has been jam-packed with learning: from the Suffragettes in History (who knew that one of the arguments against women's suffrage was that their hats were too big for Parliament!); to plant and cell structure in Science; to the continent of America; the country of Italy and especially the Renaissance art and architecture; clothing in French; celebrations and traditions in RE; holding debates in class; fractions in all their glory and so much more - it really has been amazing!

Sprinkled amidst all of this have been some memorable performances – sporting and musical alike. And all in time for Christmas!



No Outsiders!

This half term we have launched our Diversity and Equality Pledge alongside our No Outsiders Campaign. This is all part of our belief that everyone is welcome and difference is to be celebrated - we are all unique! The Pledge was written by our Junior Leadership Team and is displayed around our school. We are having regular discussions in class and assembly to promote a sense of inclusion and belonging using the No Outsiders website as a launch-pad for many insightful conversations. We have created a display in our hall where we have also put our Diversity and Equality pledge and a book for our school community to sign if they agree with the pledge. It has been wonderful to see so many staff and pupils wearing the badge!



If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make an appointment with the staff in 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. 😊

Don't forget to let us know if any of your contact numbers or addresses change during the holidays. Please inform the office staff (office@snettishamprimary.co.uk) if your emergency contact information changes or if either parent moves house or changes phone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in case of an emergency.



Thank you for continuing to support our chosen charities by joining in with donations and dress-up days. This term you have raised **£326.13** for charity:

£ 50.00	Young Minds – Mental Health Charity -Yellow Day
£ 37.00	Shine, Spina Bifida Awareness – Back 2 Front Day
£ 34.00	Anti Bullying – Odd Socks Day
£ 164.13	Poppy Appeal
£ 41.00	Children In Need

A massive thank you to Rebecca and the Friends of Snettisham Primary School Team for the amazing Christmas decorations and for all the time and effort they put in to making the children so happy, particularly in the lead up to Christmas.

Also a huge thank you to all the parents, children, staff and local businesses that support all their events.

The children had a great Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day yesterday!!





AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 9th JANUARY 2023

Tuesday

KS1 Lego with Mrs Faithorn - WILLOW & OAK

KS2 Yoga with Miss Greenhalgh – ASH & BIRCH

Wednesday

KS1 Yoga with Miss Moore – WILLOW & OAK

Thursday

Collage Club with Miss Scott – ASH & BIRCH

KS2 Lego with Mrs Enters – ASH & BIRCH

Friday

Homework with Mrs Watson – BIRCH CLASS

**If you would like your child to take part, please email office@snettishamprimary.co.uk –
if oversubscribed places will be given at random.
We will contact you to let you know if your child has a place or not.**

KS1 (WILLOW & OAK) CLUBS FINISH AT 3:45PM

KS2 (ASH & BIRCH) CLUBS FINISH AT 4:00PM





Friends of Snettisham Primary School would like to say thank you very much to everyone that has supported us this year with all our fundraising events.

The Original Factory Shop in Snettisham has continued their support, which we are really grateful for. Every time you buy a carrier bag or swipe your loyalty card you help us raise money for our cause.

Thaxters Garden Centre in Dersingham have very kindly donated a Christmas tree for our school hall this year.

Everyone in The Friends of Snettisham Primary School would like to
Wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year!



Attendance Matters



98-100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent - Children are accessing all learning opportunities
96-97%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good - Very few learning opportunities are missed
94-95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of underachievement • Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year
92-93%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High risk of underachievement • Up to 15 school days absent in an academic year
90-92%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe risk of underachievement • Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year
< 90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme risk of underachievement • Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year

The importance of good attendance

The Government strives for every pupil to achieve 97% attendance. Every day away from school is a day away from learning and this can have an impact on a child's education and future accomplishments.

We want every child to enjoy school and achieve their potential in education and life beyond. We are always here to talk through any issues and help find solutions. Parents are always a phone call away if a child is too ill to continue their day, please encourage them to try to give the day a go, children often feel much better once they are in class.

The Government has issued new attendance guidance and targets to all schools, you may receive regular texts informing you of the number of days that your child has been absent in a term/year. The Government hope that this personal approach will make parents more aware of how the odd day adds up and help keep you informed.

Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Pupils – October 2022 to March 2023

Support has been extended for the period 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 for pupils eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (FSM). Families who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive Edenred vouchers to the value of £15 per month per child with an additional £30 voucher in December. The Vouchers can be spent at many major retailers including supermarkets.

Families in hardship and needing wider support 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. Families may get in touch with NAS via their website which includes an online application form, or they can call **0344 800 8020**.

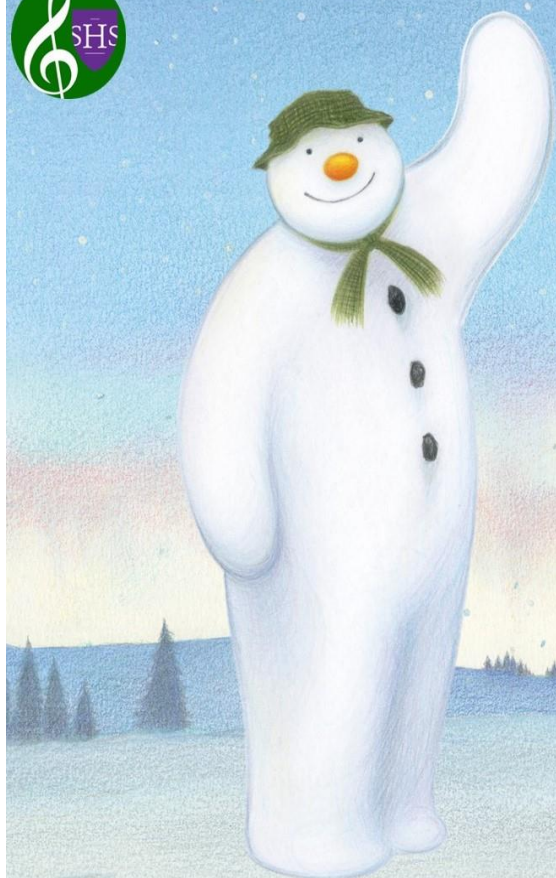
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>

Have your circumstances changed recently? You may 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 even if you don't have school meals!! You can apply online

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk?fbclid=IwAR181hWbnsrWnVeC-KZ31j-HfjFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSIcQ>



THE SNOWMAN IS COMING TO KINGS LYNN! AND YOU'RE INVITED!!

The Ultimate start to the Christmas Season for all the family.

Saturday 17 December 2022

Peter Hopkins Hall, Springwood High School, Queensway, Kings Lynn. PE30 4AW

**Performances at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 4.00pm
£5 per ticket**

Join us at Springwood for the perfect start to your Christmas, something for the whole family when the Snowman comes to visit.

It is now 40 years since the animated film version of Raymond Briggs' classic tale "The Snowman" reached our TV screens. It tells the story of the little boy, James, and his adventures with a snowman he makes that then comes to life.

This December, at Springwood, experience the film on the big screen with the soundtrack provided by a live orchestra of Springwood students along with narration including the classic Christmas song "Walking in the Air".

But that's not all, join in with your other Christmas Favourites including Selections from "Frozen" and "Here Comes Santa Claus" along with many others. This is an event not to be missed!

Run Time - approx. 1 hour

"The Snowman"

Based on the book by Raymond Briggs

Music by Howard Blake

Musicians from Springwood High School.

Conductor: Mr. R. Norman

Narrator: Mrs. S. Burchell

Tickets £5.00 each

Available online at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department



Term Dates 2022-2023

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August 2023						
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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
Orange dates – pupil holiday
Purple dates – staff training day
Red dates – bank holiday

Staff training days are:
Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Friday 21st October, 3rd January and Monday 17th April

* Subject to changes *