



Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

### Christmas Fayre – A huge thank you

Well done and thank you for supporting our Christmas Fayre again this year. Friends are still totting up the amount raised, I am sure it will be a good amount but I prefer to measure the success by the number of people who came and enjoyed the occasion and am so very grateful for the support you all gave us.

I know those of you who came last Saturday will realise that an event of this scale can't happen without willing folk planning and preparing weeks, even months in advance. It was also very reassuring to see parents from across the school, helping out on stalls, producing cakes and bakes etc. A heart-felt thank you to you all.

I am always worried about listing names but at the risk of missing someone out please can I thank:

- Jenny Rope and her marvellous Grotto team
- Jane Delbridge and all the folk who helped out in the kitchen and café, serving and preparing food
- Emma Goodyear and her face painters
- All the parents who manned stalls and helped with setting up and putting away
- Anybody who donated chocolate, sweets, bottle and raffle prizes
- Stall Holders
- And last but not least the Friends organising committee

Many thanks to Sian and Ben Kensall for the NC shirt which was won by Rod Hamilton, we are expecting to see you proudly wearing it soon Rod!

A very big thanks also to Martin Recchi for the very generous offer of Chef for a Night. This was won through a Silent Auction by Michelle Barber.

A final total will be available shortly but it looks at least as good as previous years.

**STOP PRESS:** The amount looks to be around £2800 which is absolutely wonderful.

**A New King is Born** – Robins performed their Nativity play to “packed houses” over three days this week. They were magnificent in the way they sang and acted. My admiration is not only for them and the way they performed but also to Miss Larter, Mrs Connor and Mrs Petch who pulled off an amazing feat of getting four and five year olds to act, speak and sing in such a confident way. Well done everyone. Mr Whiteley kindly filmed the dress rehearsal and a DVD will be available shortly. If you would like one but haven't filled in a form yet please ask at the school office.

**Choir at Norwich Cathedral this Christmas** - Our school choir will be part of a concert performing in Norwich Cathedral on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. This charity Christmas concert has been organised by the YMCA and **entry is by ticket only**. There is no charge for the tickets, however there will be a collection during the evening for the YMCA. **Children in the choir will need to be at the cathedral by 7pm. Mrs Cork and myself will wait for the children just inside the main door.** The Concert organisers tell me that the choir will sit together during the concert, being chaperoned by Mrs Cork and myself. They will be able to see and hear the concert but they do not require a ticket. The children are required to wear smart school uniform please.

### December

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm – Skylarks performance (pls remember recorder)

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Yelverton

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Lunch

13<sup>th</sup> – 7pm for 7.30pm choir performance at Norwich Cathedral

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> YR, 1, and 2 Christmas Party

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term (NO Gym Club)

### January

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

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If you are unable to attend the concert, please note that children will need to be collected by you after the concert. There are still some tickets available, enquire at the school office.

Please consider that you are unlikely to be able to park at the cathedral and need to consider either the Monastery Car Park behind St Andrew's Hall or the car park at the Adam and Eve or beneath the flyover at Anglia Square.

**It is likely to be a late night, as it won't be possible for children to sit with parents and then leave midway through the concert. If your child(ren) are at the Cathedral that evening then we will accept them arriving by break time the following day if they need to sleep in!**

### **Around the World in 80 days**

Tickets have been booked for all KS2 children to attend the matinee performance of Around the World in 80 Days on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> January at the Theatre Royal. Friends have subsidised the cost by £5 and in addition school fund has contributed £5 per child, therefore the cost per child to parents is £6. We feel it is really good for the children to experience live theatre and hope you agree that this is a very acceptable price for theatre and transport. Please see attachment for further details and for the consent form.

**Christmas Cakes** – Thank you to all parents/grandparent who came to help with the cake making over the two days. It was a fun occasion and all the children enjoyed doing it, it is good to have sharing activities like this when we can. There were some amazing cakes produced.

Please take a look at our school website for the latest photographs.

### **Next week sees lots more Christmas activities**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> December** – please can all Skylarks have their recorders in school in order to perform to their parents at 2.45pm

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle 2pm** - All children with long hair **must** wear it tied back for safety reasons (lit candles). Parents are welcome to come in earlier to help walk the children to school. All children must return to school after the service in order for staff to be certain they have gone off with the correct adults. There will be a collection for the work of the Church of England Children's Society at the service or return your envelope if you prefer.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Christmas Lunch**

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas party.** The children will be eating the party food from 12.30pm, so no lunch will be required for them on that day.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas party.** The children will be eating the party food from 12.30pm, so no lunch will be required for them on that day.

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December** – break up for Christmas

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018!** – school re-opens for children

**Gymfinity Activity Days** – please see attached form for details of this on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December in the school hall.

**Gym Club will commence on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Tennis on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan**, please note there will be no tennis on **17<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Pro Coach – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.** We are pleased to welcome Mr Paul Colbeck back to school from January, and thank Mr Colbeck Junior for all he has done.

**Payments for this autumn term** – lunch; breakfast; gym; How Hill ... can we please ask for any outstanding payments to be paid by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> (please include the Monday and Tuesday of the following week in your calculation).

Thank you

Teresa Osborne

### **Attachments:**

- A King is Born Nativity DVD order form
- KS2 trip – “Around the World in 80 Days” letter
- KS2 ProCoach Multi-Sports Spring Term
- Gym Club payment slip for Spring Term 1
- Tennis Club payment slip for Spring Term
- Bergh Apton Crib Service – 4pm Christmas Eve
- Gymfinity Activity Day – Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December details
- Emergency Closure Procedure