



## Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

# ALINGTON & BERGH APTON

## Church of England VA Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers



### Christmas Fayre

Just another reminder that our annual Christmas Fayre will be taking place this Saturday from 12-3pm. Thank you to all the parents for your generous donations and offers of help, we hope to see you all and your families at the Fayre on Saturday. If you would like to help for an hour there are still some slots available on the sign up sheets in the school corridor.

**Friends** remind me to tell you that to avoid the crush ... arrive at 12.00 and see Father Christmas as the queues are always smaller at the start of the Fayre!

**STOP PRESS: Come and see the real life donkey in its make shift stable on the school playground.**

We are very fortunate at Alington in having such an active Friends Association but just as importantly parents who engage and support their efforts to fund raise. Without this support we would not be able to have the many resources we do access to support your child's education.

This is a time of very severe cuts in school budgets, although the actual cash schools receive has been raised, costs have risen higher, meaning that the money needing to be spent on school infrastructure, services and salaries has increased much faster than the money devolved to us. We notice this especially in the area of SEN-D and social and emotional health where the children in this area are very short changed due to the way funds are dispersed away from areas seen as more "advantageous". In vain my colleagues and I have argued that disability, autism and dyslexia are not attributable to postcodes and that our children are as entitled to good provision as anyone else. This is something that the Governors of the school are very aware of and we work hard to spend every pound we do receive wisely and are therefore very grateful for the additional funds you all help to raise.

**Robins - Christmas Baubles** – we will be decorating the large Christmas Tree in the school hall this Thursday, it is very early I know but we need to be trimmed up for the Christmas Fayre. As usual we are asking the children in **Robins** to bring in a Christmas Bauble to put on the tree ... it will then be donated as we then use them all each year to decorate the tree.

### Events: Nov and Dec

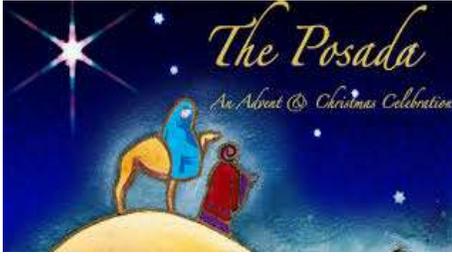
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 2-3pm Robins Open Afternoon  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> NO GYM  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 12-3pm Christmas Fayre  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Gala  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Y6 Cycling Proficiency  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Eagles Christmas Cake Making  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> YR and Y1 trip "The Snail and the Whale"  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm Skylarks Open Afternoon  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Art and Craft Day  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Nativity dress rehearsal  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Eagles Christmas Cake Icing;  
2pm Nativity performance;  
7pm Carol Service at Salvation Army Citadel  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> YR-Y5 Flu immunisation;  
2pm Nativity performance  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> School Christmas lunch  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm Christingle Service at Yelverton Church  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Years R, 1 and 2 Christmas Party  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm Carol Service at Seething Church  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party (NO ART CLUB)  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> NO GYM CLUB  
Break up for Christmas

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Are you able to host Mary and Joseph for the night? The Posada leaves St Mary's church, Yelverton, on 25<sup>th</sup> November and needs to be returned on 16<sup>th</sup> December, therefore whoever has Mary and Joseph to stay over for the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, needs to make sure it is in Church for the 11am Carol Service. Please make sure you bring the Posada into school on the morning it is due to be back and give to the next child or their parent. There will be a sign up form in the corridor

### **Cross Country**

Well done to all the children who took part in the recent South Norfolk Cross Country event. We are thrilled that two of our girls, Charlotte and Minnie have got through to represent S Norfolk at the County event after Christmas.

### **Basketball**

A huge **Congratulations and Well Done** to all the Y3 and Y4 children who took part in the cluster basketball competition last Thursday. They managed to win every match and like NCFC came top of the league to win the competition.

**School Defibrillator** – the children took part in their running event as well as making healthy snacks in support of fund raising for a defibrillator. Thanks you for those who have sent in your sponsor money, Mrs Eland is still collecting ... so far we have raised £600 towards the cost of the defibrillator. Amazing!



**Children in Need. Pyjama Day** - This raised £132.60 and we also sent over 40 shoeboxes in support of **Operation Christmas Child**.



### **Christmas Concert at The Salvation Army Citadel in St Giles St Norwich**

Our Choir and Huff 'n Puff will be performing at the Citadel on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm – 8.15pm.

No tickets will be necessary this year however there will be a collection during the evening. **Children in the choir will need to be at the Citadel by 6.45pm.**

**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. The children are required to wear smart school uniform please.

If you are unable to attend the concert, please note that children will need to be collected by you after the concert which should be over by 8.15pm.

The Choir will also be performing at **Seething Parish Church on Fri 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Please can you complete the attached slips so we know which children in the choir we are expecting to attend.

**Parent/ Teacher Meetings** will be taking place on the late afternoon and evenings of Wed 21<sup>st</sup> November and Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Mrs Godbold and Mrs Connor** will be holding a Christmas Craft workshop for children on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to help parents who might appreciate some child free shopping time. See attachment for further details (hard copy available from the school foyer).

**Breakfast Club** – Mr Paul Colbeck is back running the daily Breakfast Clubs. He is looking to make Tuesdays a cooked breakfast option. I believe it is bacon and scrambled egg this Tuesday! Cost of Breakfast Club £4.50 or £4.00 for siblings.

**Congratulations** – to the Cushing family on baby Frankie who weighed in at over 8lbs at the end of last week.



The annual **Nativity Play** will take place on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> of December beginning at 2pm. All the children in Robins and Kingfishers will be taking part. Miss Larter and Mrs Chisholm are pleased to see the

costumes coming in. Sign up sheets will be placed outside classroom doors shortly for you to indicate which afternoons you are coming. This helps us put out seats etc. Grandparents are welcome! There will be a dress rehearsal taking place on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am parents with very young children may like to attend this performance instead.

**Gym Club** – There will be NO Gym Club on Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Christmas Cards** – For many years we have asked the children to send one Christmas card only to the whole class which will then be displayed in the classrooms. This reduces massively the amount of paper waste from cards and envelopes. Thank you for your understanding with this. Miss Larter has her own arrangements for Robins.

**Maths Problem..** A sticker for the child who can tell me how many cards would be sent throughout the school if every child sent a card to everyone in their class.

**Speeding** - Once again I am asking parents to drive through the village slowly and with consideration as I have been informed that some people drive very fast, especially where there are no paths i.e. from the duck pond to the church. This is not necessarily parents but we just all need to be mindful of the speed limit and the pedestrians who may be walking along with their children, pushing buggies etc.

**Tiling** – we have a dozen or so bathroom tiles that we would like to put up in the recently refurbished toilets. The contractors left a space just beside the sink units which needs to be tiled, and as we have the spare matching tiles we are asking if anyone feels able to come and put them on for us please. Approximately six tiles per girls and boys washbasin. If you feel this is something you could do for us please let myself or Mrs Reeman know. Many thanks.

**Holiday authorised by the school** As many of you think about planning holidays, please see below the latest advice schools have received from Legal Services at Norfolk County Council.

*Head teachers should not grant leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. The application must be made in advance and the head teacher must be satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstances of the case which warrant the leave. Where a leave of absence is granted, the head teacher will determine the number of days a pupil can be away from school. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the head teacher's discretion.*

Teresa Osborne

**Attachments:**

- Christmas Fayre, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 12-3pm
- Posada details
- Worry Stop flyer, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. at Loddon library
- Carol Service Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.45pm for 7pm at Salvation Army Citadel
- Carol Service Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.30pm for 7pm at Seething Church
- Christmas Art and Craft Day, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.
- Gymfinity Activity Day, Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- School Christmas Lunch, Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. order form