



Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas Fayre, it was a magnificent effort with a record sum raised! So many parents helped in many ways and spent lots of time not just on the day itself but in preparation. I won't mention names as I am bound to miss someone out, but thank you to the Grotto team, the catering team, those who raised raffle prizes and to those who worked so hard co-ordinating events. It was such a successful day and I had so many complimentary remarks about the atmosphere. I was amazed at the number of adults and children who came who were unfamiliar to us ... The final result raised as profit would appear to be approx. £3400 which is just unbelievable for a school of this size. We will be working hard to come up with ways to use the money to benefit as many pupils as we can.



Christmas Concert at The Salvation Army Citadel in St Giles St Norwich – this was a lovely evening and we will let you know in due course how much was raised for the Norfolk YMCA.



The annual **Nativity Play** has taken place. The children weaved their particular magic and did a fantastic job of telling the Christmas story. I'm

sure all the parents and grandparents felt very proud of them as did I. If you wish to order a DVD of the performance, order forms are available from the school foyer.

### Next week is another busy Christmassy week:

- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> December is the whole school Christmas lunch when 146 children and staff will sit down and enjoy roast chicken or vegetable roast dinner. **If your child has a Christmas jumper and/or a Christmas hat please wear it to school that day (I don't want parents to go to the expense of buying jumpers however...!)**
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm Christingle Service in Yelverton Parish Church. We hope as many of you are able to join us for this special service. If you are able to help walk the children to church and back to school, please let your child's teacher know. All children will be

### Events:

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> School Christmas lunch  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> change to school menu, menu as for Tues 12<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm Christingle Service at Yelverton Church, NO TENNIS CLUB  
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, NO UKULELE lesson  
Break up for Christmas

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Gymfinity Activity Day 10am-3pm

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – INSET DAY for staff

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school

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expected to return to school. Please ensure your child's hair is tied back as we will be lighting the Christingles. We have sent home an envelope for donations to The Church of England Children's Society which you can return to school by next Wednesday. There will be a collection plate at the service if you prefer.

As we will have had a roast on the Tuesday, Wednesday's lunch is Tues 11<sup>th</sup> menu, ie Cottage Pie, or Quorn Chipolatas etc.

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Years R, 1 and 2 Christmas Party. On this day the children will be eating their party food. Your child should have brought home a note about the things you have been asked to provide food wise. We have found in the past that when the children have lunch, followed by their parties there is an awful lot of uneaten food left so for the past couple of years we have made the party food the midday meal for that group of children. The usual lunch will be available for KS2 pupils
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Party – see above.

### Clubs and extra-curricular activities for the rest of this half-term

- **Monday** Art Club, no session Mon 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Tuesday** Gym Club, no session Tues 18<sup>th</sup>, no ukulele lesson Tues 18<sup>th</sup>, Gym will recommence Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Jan
- **Wednesday** Tennis Club, no session Wed 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Thursday** Gym Club (as normal ie last session Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>)
- **Friday** Multi Sports and Guitar (as normal ie last sessions Fri 14<sup>th</sup>, both recommence Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, however no guitar lesson Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Jan)

**Uniform sale** – The Friends will be holding a second hand uniform sale on 17<sup>th</sup> January as well as good condition children's clothes. Please see information below.

The Lost Property will be on display next week, any unclaimed and unnamed items will be put in the sale if in a suitable condition or put in the charity bag.



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019



Please bring clean, good condition unwanted school uniform to school and leave in the boxes provided from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. We also welcome any good condition children's clothes.

Thank you for your support!

**Monies Due** – Mrs Reeman asks - Please could you pay any outstanding amounts to the school office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

**Gymfinity Activity Day** – there are a few places still available for Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please see attachment for further details.

**Cushing Family** – We have all been concerned about the news of baby Frankie. I understand he is still in high dependency at Addenbrookes Hospital but is fighting hard to overcome bronchiolitis. We hope for further positive news next week as he makes his recovery. The Cushing family thank everyone for their kindness and support and we send them our love and prayers.

**Finally** – this is likely to be the final newsletter of the term as we break up on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The staff and I wish you all a blessed and happy Christmas. The new term starts for children on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Teresa Osborne

**Attachments:**

- Nativity DVD order form
- Christingle, The Children's Society, collection envelope is being sent home with your child
- Gymfinity Activity Day, Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Christmas Eve, 4pm Crib Service at Bergh Apton Church
- Lunch Menu for first two days back at school, Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019
- ProCoach Multi-Sports Club for KS2 children, next half-term

