



# October Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a restful half term. It did seem like a long half term and we are aware that everyone needed a rest! This half term is very exciting as we come towards Christmas with lots of fun activities planned, in addition to a variety of sports opportunities.

Please take a few minutes to look at the dates on this newsletter as some have changed to fit in with the Church's calendar.

Thank you for a fabulous response to the Art/Black History linked project that Mrs Curtis ran before half term. The entries were amazing and so many of you have put in a super effort. We are going to be displaying the winning entries in school and on Dojo soon.

This term, our development will continue as discussed at the recent drop-in session, and focus on basic standards of English and Maths, our Curriculum, firming up some SEND practices and working on a whole school mental health strategy. I would like to ask for one or two parents to join me in a discussion on this—please let me know if you would like to be part of this. There will also be a questionnaire for all to complete. We have noticed in a recent review that some pupils are not reading at home as often as they used to. Please do try to fit in some reading with your children at home when you can, and make a note in your child's reading record. It is important that we continue to promote reading for fun and if your child is reluctant, please just read to them. It is all a good part of their reading experience.

Thank you also parents, for the super feedback we received during parent consultations during the last week of last term. It is always useful to get your feedback—you have hopefully all seen the response from us from the last round of drop ins. If anyone would like to complete a general questionnaire, please ask Mrs Norman for a copy, and do please let us know if you have not managed to see your child's teacher for a 1– 1 consultation—we can arrange this for you soon.

Take care and enjoy the Pumpkin season!

Mrs Huntington

## Upcoming dates—please note some of these dates have changed

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Cross country finals
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Día de los Muertos celebration—dress up day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Football competition—rearranged date
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Nurse visit – Y6 National Measurement Programme
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Rolls Royce Practical Morning – Kingfisher class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu vaccinations
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FOSA Christmas craft afternoon
W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FOSA Christmas Pop up shops – days to be confirmed.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm at church
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wrens and Lapwings Christmas performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wrens and Lapwings Christmas performance
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FOSA making Christingles
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service at church 1.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime trip – whole school, more details to follow.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of school
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Back to school

## **Reminders:**

Did you know—children entitled to Free School Meals can also receive £15 vouchers per month, per child (£45 in December) to help towards the cost of living. If you're not sure if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you can apply online here: [Free school meals - Norfolk County Council](#)

Also all children in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school lunch—ask in the school office if you need any help using the online lunch ordering system Aspens Select.



Attendance in school remains important, this includes getting to school on time. School gates open at 8:35am and remain open until 8:45am.

More advice around school attendance can be found here [www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)

Poppies—Poppies and other items are now available in the school office to mark Remembrance Day with money raised going to the Royal British Legion. Also keep an eye out for FOSA's Remembrance Day display made by FOSA and the children.



**Consent forms—If you have not yet returned the school consent and permission forms for this academic year, please return these to the school office as soon as possible. New copies of the forms are available if needed.**

## **This month's spotlight is on Wrens Class:**

In Wrens we have been thinking a lot about the changes we notice in Autumn.





### Wrens class continued...

We looked at the story of the Little Red Hen and made masks to retell the story during Harvest Festival. We have created still life drawings using oil pastel of pumpkins as well as making our own Pumpkin Lanterns. We really enjoyed investigating Autumn looking at all the Autumn materials and describing what they look and feel like. We loved working with FOSA and crafting together to make some beautiful Poppies for Remembrance. We have also had a great time baking throughout the first half term, making flat bread, gingerbread, and rice crispy cakes. We look forward to more baking this half term!



### Competition Winners

Well done to all the winners of the recent competitions—Mrs Curtis' Black History Month Art Competition and FOSA's photography competition.

Winners and 2nd places from each class for Black History Month Art Competition



And well done to Reggie for his winning photo for FOSA's photography competition