



Aslacton Primary School - Newsletter Friday 11th December 2020

This term our Core Value is: **Confident**

This week in Aslacton

Here is a snapshot of our learning this week: Owls have been learning the Christmas story, making Christmas pictures using 2D and 3D shapes and comparing the lives of Henry Blogg and Grace Darling. In Science they have learned about the lifecycle of a sea-snail. We have had a very busy week in Kestrel Class. We have almost finished writing our stories up into books – these are looking fantastic and very professional! In maths, we have worked hard on multiplication and have used these skills to solve division problems. In science we have made circuits with buzzers ready to use in our end of topic quiz next week. Eagle Class have been ordering tricky fractions with different denominators. We have planned our own Kipling style stories and designed our front covers ready for publishing. In Science, we have celebrated learning about light by performing an Isaac Newton shadow puppet performance.

Friends of Aslacton Children's Christmas Hamper Raffle.

One more week to buy tickets!!

A sneak peak at the hampers....



There is one hamper per class and tickets are to be purchased from each class teacher.

Please send the correct money (£1 a strip) in a clearly labelled envelope. Tickets cannot be purchased in any other way.

Your child will not be sent home with a ticket—we will keep everything in school.

All money raised will be donated to the Norwich Foodbank, a charity we support regularly in school.

Upcoming Dates:

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day: Wednesday 16th December

Class Parties (Each class will send out their own information in the coming week. Please note this is not a non-uniform day): **Friday 18th December**

Last Day of term: Friday 18th December

You may have heard talk of schools being able to close early next week, we have decided to remain open as originally planned due to the arrangements we already have in place and the short notice of this announcement.

First day of Spring Term: Monday 4th January 2021

In place of our candlelight carol service at the church we have planned an in-school Christmas celebration—this will be shared on our Facebook page next Friday. As we are unable to share images of children on social media we will not be filming footage that includes any children during this performance, we hope you are able to enjoy it as a way of celebrating Christmas with us remotely.

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Eco Council Christmas Recycling Competition

All poster entries to be given to Miss Knight for the Eco Councillors to judge the winner. There will be a delicious chocolate prize! Entry deadline **MONDAY 14th DECEMBER**.

Christmas lunch reminder

If you did not return a form to order a lunch please ensure that you provide a packed lunch on Wednesday as there are no other options available. All children will eat with their class bubble on this day regardless of whether they are a hot or packed lunch in separate class sittings in the school hall, with crackers and Christmas music.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA at Manor Field Infant and Nursery School who have once again secured a donation of Christmas Crackers for all the children at both schools to enjoy as part of their lunches. These have been quarantining in school for over a week now.

Food Banks

St Mary's Church in Long Stratton are continuing to play host to the weekly food bank on Fridays between 12.30-2.30pm. As well as providing essential everyday items, it is also preparing Christmas hampers to help families over the festive period. Families are encouraged to visit or contact the Food Bank for supplies. Last month alone, they helped over 60 families in our area.

There is also a free Community Table of food on the third Saturday of every month. This is open to everyone who needs some food or household supplies.

Accessing Home Learning

If you have to self-isolate, you are able to access lots of home learning resources on our website. Your child's class teacher will also put together a learning pack to do at home and this will be sent via the class homework email. If you have any queries or require more resources, please contact the class teacher using the homework email.

Cold Weather Procedures

During the winter there is always the possibility that a heavy snowfall and/or dangerous road conditions may cause the school to close. If this should seem likely it is important for all parents to be aware of the Emergency School Closure Procedure.

If a decision is made during the school day to close the school, then staff will contact parents or named emergency contacts and request that children are collected from the school. In the event of the weather making it impossible for the school to open in the morning, we will post details of any closure on the Norfolk County Council Emergency School Closure website at : www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk and the school website.

Please make sure that children have appropriate warm clothing in school: hats, gloves, scarves and a suitable coat.

As we are required to have a window open in the classrooms for ventilation, please send an extra jumper or fleece to school with your child. Wearing extra layers under uniform is also a good idea.

Attendance:

We take pride in attendance at our school. We will publish the attendance figures here for each class each week.

If your child is unwell and unable to be in school, please ensure that you phone and leave a message to inform us before 9.30am. Absences not accounted for after this time will be recorded as unauthorised.

Owl class – 96%

Kestrel class — 100%

Eagle class — 100%

Well done to both Eagle and Kestrel class for obtaining 100% attendance this week.

Overall school attendance - 98%

Headteacher's Award

Ellie in Owl class for a fantastic newspaper recount of the beached whale

Oliver in Kestrel class for making brilliant progress with Times Tables

Jessica in Eagle class for amazing consistency in weekly tests — Top marks all term in Spelling and Times Tables tests. Great effort

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